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BIRTHS.

DONNOLLY—December 20, 1923, at 14 Marguerite rd., Glasnevin, to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Connolly, a son.

CRAIG—December 19, 1923, at Dromtariffe Rectory, Banteer, Co. Cork, the wife of Rev. J. H. Craig, a daughter.

DOWNES—December 20, 1923, at Wells P.O., the wife of Richard A. Downes, a daughter.

HAYDEN—December 17, 1923, the wife of Surgeon Hayden, 20 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, of a son.

HIPWELL—December 16, 1923, at a Nursing Home in Dublin, to the wife of Rev. R. S. Hipwell, B.D., O.B.E., Kilskyre Rectory, Co. Meath, twins (boy and girl).

MAGUIRE—December 19, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. William Maguire, 23 Crosthwaite Park, West, Dun Laoghaire, a son.

SEALE—December 18, 1923, at 40 Upper Fitzwilliam st., Dublin, the wife of Arthur H. Seale, Lisanode, Sandycove, a son.

MARRIAGES.

CROOK and SPOKES—December 19, 1923, at St. Mary Magdalene, Munster square, Regent's Park, London, very quietly, by the Rev. J. H. Simpson, William Montgomery Crook, B.A., T.C.D., eldest son of the late Rev. William Crook, D.D., of Galway, to Ethel Mary Spokes, widow of Arthur H. Spokes, of the Middle Temple, of 6 St. Andrew's place, Regent's Park.

SIMMS and LYONS—December 12, 1923, at Presbyterian Church, Helen's Bay, by Rev. R. J. Morrell, of Trinity Church, Bangor, Samuel D. Simms, to Eleanor (Nellie), daughter of the late William T. Lyons and Mrs. Lyons, Rathdown, Ward av., Bangor.

WATKINS and BLAKE—December 19, 1923, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. W. Simpson, M.A., Arthur Powell Watkins, M.C., the Worcestershire Regiment, son of the late A. P. Watkins, and Mrs. Watkins, Britannia square, Worcester, to Joan C. F., only daughter of the late Dr. H. R. Valentine Blake, of Renvyle, Co. Galway, and Mrs. Blake, 26 Wellington rd., Dublin.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 8.

BURGESS—December 21, 1923, at his residence, 21 Great Western Villas, after a short illness, Charles Burgess. Deeply regretted. Funeral Monday morning 10 o'clock.

BYRNE—December 21, 1923, at his residence, 7 Mount Harold tce., Leinster rd., Dublin, John Byrne, J.P., Timber Merchant, New st. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral private. No flowers.

de BROMHEAD—December 21, 1923, at a Private Nursing Home in Dublin, Henry Oliver de Bromhead, aged 57, of Ardkeen, Waterford. R.I.P. Funeral at Ballygunner, Waterford, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, 24th.

DORRITY—December 21, 1923, at 10 St. Kevin's Gardens, Dartry rd., Bobbie, beloved third son of James and Helena Dorrity. Funeral private.

KENNEDY—December 20, 1923, at his residence, Highfield, Howth, William J. Kennedy, beloved husband of Elizabeth Kennedy. Funeral at St. Fintan's, Sutton, to-day (Saturday) at 2.45 p.m.

McAULEY—December 20, 1923, at the Hospice for the Dying, Margaret McAuley, relict of the late Peter McAuley, North Quay, Drogheda. Deeply mourned by her family. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Saturday), 22nd, at 2 p.m., from the Oliver Plunkett Church (St. Peter's), Drogheda, to Chord Cemetery.

MEADE—December 21, 1923, at Atlantic Hotel, Youghal, Margaret Mary, third dearly-loved daughter of the late Thomas and Mrs. Mary Meade. Rest in peace.

ORMSBY—December 21, 1923, at his residence, 92 Merrion square, Dublin, Sir Lambert H. Ormsby, M.D., D.L. Funeral to Mount Jerome, Monday, 9 o'clock. No flowers, by request.

PERRIN—December 21, 1923, at Fortfield House, Hester Anne, daughter of the late John Perrin, and grand-daughter of the late Right Honorable John Hatchell. No flowers.

ROPER—December 20, 1923, at St. Mary's tce., New Ross, Kathleen Sarah, dearly-beloved wife of Albert F. Roper, and second daughter of William Connell. Funeral at St. Mary's to-morrow (Sunday), 1 p.m.

RUTHERFORD—December 20, 1923, at Fairfield, Manorhamilton, Dr. Robert A. Rutherford, dearly-loved husband of Lily M. Rutherford; taken Home after a short illness. Funeral to-morrow (Sunday), 2 o'clock.

TAAFFE—December 21, 1923, at her residence, Castle st., Ardee, Annie K. Taaffe, relict of the late William Taaffe. R.I.P. Funeral from St. Mary's Church to Drumin to-morrow (Sunday) at 2 o'clock. No flowers, by request; prayers instead.

WILKINSON—December 18, 1923, at Killiney, Sarah, eldest and last surviving daughter of the late Richard and Joyce Wilkinson, of Outrath, Co. Tipperary, and for many years Principal of the Soldiers' Home, Newenham st., Limerick, aged 93. "His rest shall be glorious," Isaiah, xi., 10.

WILKINSON—December 18, 1923, at Clancoole House, Bandon, Rev. John Wilkinson, M.A. Funeral private.

WILSON—December 20, 1923, Jessie, widow of Archibald Wilson, of Marlborough Park, Belfast, and of Doagh, Co. Antrim, and dearly-loved mother of Ivy Knox.

IMPORTANT.—As announcements for this column, if posted on Saturday, cannot reach this office in time for Monday's paper, they should be sent by telegram.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late **Mrs. Black**, also her sisters, **Mrs. Bewley** and **Doctor Elizabeth Tennent**, of 15 Harrington st., desire to thank their many kind friends who sympathised with them in their sorrow.

IN MEMORIAM.

BARNWELL—In memory of Thomas H. Barnwell, died December 23, 1921. Never shall his memory fade.—R. McG.

CHAPMAN—Thirtieth Anniversary—In loving memory of William Chapman, of Wicklow, who departed this life on December 22, 1893.

KING—In ever-loving memory of our dear sister, Elizabeth Ledger King, who entered into rest 22nd December, 1916. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

McGARRIE—In most loving memory of my dear father, Rev. Hugh McGahie, who passed away December 22nd, 1920. "He giveth His beloved sleep." Inserted by his ever-loving daughter, Mrs. Fred. Anderson, 91, 11 Jamaica av., Woodhaven, New York, U.S.A.

MELDRUM—In fond remembrance of James William (Jim), dearly-loved third son of Cosmo and the late Mrs. Meldrum, of 80 John st., Sligo, died 22nd December, 1923, aged 29 years.
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MICHELL—In memory of a dearly-loved husband and father, T. J. Michell, M.R.C.V.S., who died at Ballycullane, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, December 23rd, 1920. "Until the day break."—Mamie.

O'BYRNE—In loving memory of my dear wife, Lily O'Byrne, who died at her residence, 2 Lower Beechwood av., Ranelagh, on 22nd December, 1922. Masses offered to-day for the repose of her soul. Inserted by her loving husband.

WHITLEY—In loving memory of John C. Whitley, late Q.M.S., R.A.M.C., King George V. Hospital, died 22nd December, 1921. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and children.

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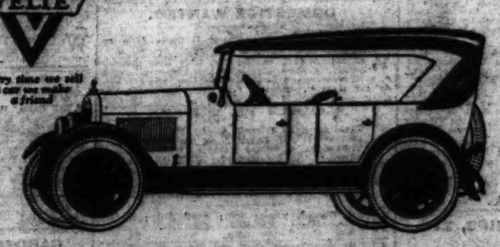
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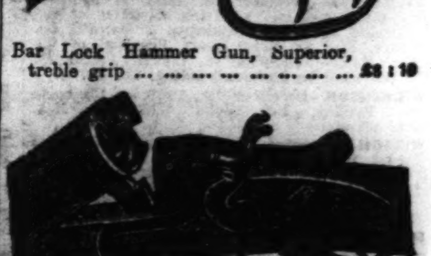
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Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. South Stack, ss. Slieve Donard, ss. Slieve Bawn, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Bandon, ss. Lady Louth, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Brier, from Heysham, with goods; ss. Lady Wicklow, from Manchester, with goods; ss. Glenageary, from Partington, with coals; ss. Cornelian, from Ayr, with goods; ss. Welshman, from Glasgow, with goods; ss. Briarfield, ss. Rosebello, ss. Esperanto, ss. Christiana, from Garston, with coals; ss. Mondara, from Maryport, with coals; ss. Pine, from Newport, with coals; ss. St. Mungo, from Acton Grange, with coals; ss. Zillah, from Preston, with coals.

Foreign Departures—Ss. Finola, of Cardiff, 373 tons register, Captain Kinen, for Belfast, with general cargo; ss. Egret, of Liverpool, 691 tons register, Captain Campbell, for Hamburg, light.

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RAILWAYS.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS, 1923.

On 22nd, 23rd, and 24th inst. Excursion Tickets at Single Fare and One-third for the Double Journey, will be issued by all trains from and to Dublin, Wexford, and Waterford, with all stations 20 miles or more distant from those places, where train service permits, and will be available for return up to and including 27th instant.

On SUNDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, a special Excursion Train will leave Harcourt street at 9.25 a.m. for Wexford, and will return at 6.10 p.m., stopping at all stations between Bray and Wexford. Special Cheap Day Trip Excursion Tickets will be issued for this train.

On WEDNESDAY, 26th instant, Day Trip Excursions at very reduced rates will be issued from and to Dublin, full particulars of which can be obtained at the stations.

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

On 24th instant the train service will be the same as on Saturdays, with following exception and additions:—

The 12.45 p.m. train from Harcourt street to Bray will not run.

A special Connection will be given on the Waterford Branch with the 6.5 p.m. train from Harcourt street.

Special late trains will leave Harcourt street for Wexford at 9.30 p.m. and Wexford for Harcourt street at 9.0 p.m. Connections will be given on the Shillelagh Branch.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th INST.

There will be no service of trains south of Greystones.

Trains will run every two hours between Harcourt street and Bray, from 9.30 a.m., to 10.30 p.m. down.

Westland Row and Bray Line—An hourly service of trains from 8.7 a.m. up to 11.0 p.m. down, with several connections to and from Greystones.

WEDNESDAY, 26th INSTANT.

Generally the week-day service will be in operation, but the 6.35 a.m. Main Train from Westland Row to Wexford will be altered to leave at 8.0 a.m., and the 4.20 p.m. from Wexford to Westland Row will be altered to leave at 6.15 p.m. The 4.15 p.m. train from Enniscorthy to Wexford, and the 6.0 p.m. from Wexford to Enniscorthy, will not run.

On the Shillelagh and Waterford Branches special services will be substituted.

On the Westland Row, Dalkey, and Bray Line there will be a reduced service up to 10.45 a.m., after which the normal service will be resumed.

THE COMPANY'S GOODS STORES will be Closed on 25th and 26th instant.

THE PARCELS OFFICES will be Open on 26th instant until 11.45 a.m., after which they will be Closed.

LEOPARDSTOWN RACES, 26th and 27th Instant. A frequent service of Special Trains will be run from Harcourt street to Foxrock from 12.0 o'clock until after first race. Return Fares:—First Class, 3/-; Third Class, 2/-.

Full particulars of Excursion and Train Arrangements can be obtained at the stations.

M. J. MAGUIRE, Traffic Manager.

GREAT SOUTHERN & WESTERN RAILWAY.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1923.

In addition to the Train Arrangements already advertised, a Connection will be given to Ennis for passengers on the 4.45 p.m. Train ex Kingsbridge To-day (Saturday).

R. A. NEALE, General Manager. Kingsbridge Station, Dublin, December, 1923.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In taking measures to prevent foot-and-mouth disease from being carried over to this country from England or the Continent our Departure of Agriculture have shown that they possess common-sense and real practical knowledge. One of the most important regulations calls for the destruction of all imported hay, straw and packing materials that might be used as bedding for live stock. It is now generally conceded in England that the use of these has been the cause of the periodical outbreaks of recent years. During the last outbreak of the disease in Ireland I attended a deputation to the Department of Agriculture, and one of the members of the deputation, Mr. Joseph O'Connor, of Naas, made statements proving that in one district the disease was traced to foreign packing materials having been used as bedding for pigs.

Personally, I think that the Department's present regulations have been insufficiently ventilated, and I would suggest that the cattle-traders' and farmers' associations and other public bodies representing the agricultural community should pass resolutions expressing approval and confidence in the Department of Agriculture and calling on all concerned, directly or indirectly, loyally to assist the Department in its efforts to keep Ireland free from this disease and maintain its present clean bill of health.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES GANLY.

18-20 Usher's quay, Dublin,
December 21st, 1923.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I observe from the reports of the debate on unemployment in the Dail on Friday last that the President announced, in the course of his reply, that a sum of £2,000,000 would be made available for expenditure on roads in the Saorstat. It occurs to me that the moment may be opportune—while details of schemes of expenditure are being worked out—to direct attention to a road in Dublin City that badly needs reconstruction. I refer to that portion of Phibsborough road between Broadstone railway shop and the King's Inns, passing under the canal aqueduct. It may not be generally known that this aqueduct was constructed a good many years ago to enable boats to pass from the basin at Broadstone Station to the canal proper. Nearly half a century ago the aqueduct was covered in, and the dock at Broadstone has not been utilised since. When the aqueduct was being constructed the road beneath was dug out and given its present switch-backed form.

Phibsborough road is one of the main arteries to the Smithfield produce markets, and is the obvious route for traffic from North County Dublin farms. Owing, however, to the inadequate height of the arches of the bridge supporting the aqueduct, the road cannot be used for high loads. In addition, the double gradient from the city imposes an undue strain on horses drawing heavy loads from the breweries and distilleries on the South side of the river; and rather than subject their horses to the strain drivers frequently have to make a long detour—particularly after heavy rain or snow. Before details are finally settled I suggest that the questions of levelling up the road and of removing the aqueduct and bridge should receive earnest consideration. The work would probably be done for £5,000, and for filling in material the builders' refuse from the O'Connell street area could be utilised.

It may be also opportune to refer to a report current some years ago to the effect that the Midland Railway Company contemplated filling in the canal from the dry dock at Mountjoy Prison to the basin at Broadstone and building—on the "reclaimed" land—ninety-eight houses for their employés. In fact, it was rumoured at the time that plans for the purpose had actually been prepared. Whether or not rumour spoke accurately I am unable to say, but I suggest that under the present circumstances the scheme has sufficient merit to warrant its consideration, or examination afresh, by the company. Side by side with the scheme—if put into execution—should go the removal of that further hamper to heavy traffic on the North side—Blacquiere Bridge. It was no uncommon incident in the course of a day to see horses down under ton loads on the gradient from the Mater Hospital corner. With the canal filled in and the bridge removed, a road of quite ordinary gradient could be constructed from the corner to Phibsborough.—Yours, etc.,

CHRISTOPHER MONKS, ex-T.C.

68 Botanic road, Dublin,
December 20th, 1923.

THE LAND ACT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In the letter of Mr. J. D. Gorey, T.D., in this day's *Irish Times* he states that "only exceptional cases of town parks . . . are excluded from the Act." Many will be glad to know what authority Mr. Gorey has for such a statement. "Town parks" and "parks" are very different things, and the Act does not appear to exclude town park holdings.

Mr. Gorey's letter also deals with voluntary allowances, but he appears to confine his remarks to judicial tenancies only, in which cases landlords have made very few voluntary allowances or abatements. He does not deal with the huge number of holdings subject to rents other than judicial rents, in which cases some landlords made abatements to tenants, invariably to induce them not to go into the Land Court. On the other hand, many landlords made large abatements to non-judicial tenants on account of bad harvests, loss of stock, etc., and continued these allowances. In such cases it is hard that the tenant should get the voluntary allowances in addition to the statutory reduction of 25%. The Act provides "that any question as to whether an agreement for an abated rent was in fact an agreement for a new rent or any question as to the amount from which the deduction of 25% is to be made in ascertaining compounded arrears of rent and payment in lieu of rent shall be determined by the Judicial Commissioner, whose decision shall be final."

In compiling the schedule or return required by the Land Commission agents invariably inserted the annual rent as *per* rent receipts and also the actual cash payments made by the tenant after the second gale day of 1920. If, therefore, any tenant claims that his rent should be the abated rent, the matter must be decided by the Judicial Commissioner in every individual case as provided by the section of the Act above quoted.—Yours, etc.,

T. J. REGAN, Solicitor.

Roscrea, December 20th, 1923.

THE MOTOR DUTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The car most generally used by the mass of Irish motorists is the Ford four and five-seater, on which the British excess duty of £18 to £21 12s. has to be paid. This duty is equitable in Britain, with its wealth and big population and trade, but most inequitable in this poor country; and why our authorities keep on a tax, even in a modified form, that was thrust on us during the reign of the Black and Tans is more than I can answer.

For a radius of twenty-five miles around and in Dublin motorists get a certain amount of value for their money; they transact a large business, and have well-kept roads as a rule. This may be said of all metropolitan and city areas. Their tyres last 10,000 to 12,000 miles and sometimes more. Motorists in rural Ireland get absolutely no value for this onerous duty. The macadam is thrown down in a most slovenly way—broadcasted!—the result being that cord and cable and other best tyres last from 3,000 to 5,000 miles. Think of the difference and the loss to the rural users. I have travelled many thousands of miles lately, and write from experience. Are we Ford-users to take it "lying down"!—Yours, etc.,

"GOREY MAN."

December 20th, 1923.

REVISION OF VOTERS' LISTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The statements of Messrs. Eason and Sons do not controvert the facts disclosed in my letter. The form to which they refer stated that the qualifying period ended not on the "15th June," as *per* existing law, but on the "15th November," thereby plainly anticipating the provisions of Clause 3 (1) of the Local Government Electors Registration Bill, which was introduced on the 14th November last, and was passed by the Senate only yesterday.—Yours, etc.,

"SHAUN LA."

Dublin, December 21st, 1923.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.
Open Competition. 50 Vacancies, Spring, 1924. Age 19-23. ELEVEN SUCCESSES AT LAST EXAM. (Limited Competition), August, 1923. BEST RESULT. Intending Candidates should enrol at once. Classes resume work on 31st inst.—SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN COAL FUND.

GREATER NEED THROUGH UNEMPLOYMENT.

The annual meeting of the Mansion House Coal Fund was held yesterday at the Dublin Mansion House—the Lord Mayor in the chair. The annual report, which was submitted by Sir John Irwin, J.P., one of the honorary secretaries, referred to the regrettable falling-off in the subscriptions received during the past season. The amount received was £631 8s. 7d., which, with the credit balance brought forward from the previous season—£106 11s. 1d.—represented a total sum available for the season's working of £740 11s. 3d. About 4,000 bags of coal were delivered into the homes of the poor, the distribution being made through the various charitable organisations in the city, with which the Committee had worked in close co-operation since the inauguration of the fund twenty years ago.

The Lord Mayor, moving the adoption of the report, said that never in the history of the fund was it more necessary that it should be substantially supported than in the present year.

The Rev. Dr. Denham Osborne seconded the motion, which was adopted.

Mr. William Field, in moving that the fund was worthy of the support of the citizens, said he sincerely hoped that help would be forthcoming; every citizen should feel it incumbent upon him to help on the work. There were thousands of cases in which families were unable to buy even one bag of coal.

The Rev. John Carson seconded the motion, which was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. M. R. Lalor, seconded by Mrs. Maude Walsh, a vote of thanks was passed to the Press for the support it had unfailingly given to the fund.

The Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, who was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, sent a subscription of £100 towards the fund.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ANNOUNCED.

His Grace Dr. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin	£100	0	0
Right Hon. the Lord Mayor	5	5	0
Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd.	25	0	0
Hibernian Bank, Ltd.	20	0	0
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W. and J. Jacob and Co., Ltd.	10	0	0
William Hogg and Co., Ltd.	5	0	0
John Jameson and Son, Ltd.	25	0	0
John Power and Son, Ltd.	5	5	0
John D'Arcy and Son, Ltd.	5	0	0
Mrs. Dorothy Hengerford	0	10	6
Sir John Irwin	2	2	0
Senator E. W. Eyre	2	0	0
Major Arthur Wheeler	1	0	0
Rev. A. J. Ryan, C.C., Meath street	1	0	0
Patrick F. Harlow, J.P.	2	0	0
Miss Cruice	1	0	0
Andrew J. Geary	0	10	0
Johnston, Mooney and O'Brien, Ltd.	5	5	0
Joseph Mooney, J.P., Cabra	2	0	0
D. M. Watson, South Great George's street	1	1	0
Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, Palmerston Park	1	0	0
Coyle, Ltd., Upper Abbey street	2	2	0
Clarson Porter, M.A.	1	0	0
Rev. F. J. Wall, D.D.	1	0	0
Irish Feather Co., Ltd.	3	5	0
Bolands, Ltd.	10	0	0
Watkins, Jameson Pim and Co., Ltd.	10	0	0
Alex. Findlater and Co., Ltd.	2	2	0
Alderman J. Hubbard, Clerk, High Sheriff	1	1	0
Very Rev. Canon Brady, P.P.	5	0	0
Messrs. Gerald Mooney, Eden quay	3	3	0
Sir Patrick Shortall	2	0	0
James Tallon, Clonfart	2	0	0
Dr. Ninian Falkiner	1	1	0
William Perrin	1	0	0
F. A. Fanning, Adelaide road	1	0	0
James Rowe, Merrion road	5	5	0
John Fogarty, J.P.	1	0	0
M. R. Lalor	2	2	0
Rev. Dr. Denham and Mrs. Osborne	1	10	0
Very Revs. the Carmelite Fathers, Clarendon street	5	0	0
Miss S. E. Eustace, per Rev. Dr. Osborne	2	0	0
William Field	1	0	0
John Nagle and Co., Ltd.	5	0	0
Joseph Doyle, Upper Dominick street	2	2	0
Rev. J. G. O'Reilly, C.C., Pro-Cathedral	1	1	0
Rev. John Carson, B.D.	1	0	0
W. J. Nolan, St. Michael's Hill	1	0	0
Sir Maurice Dockrell, Lord Mayor	5	0	0
Dockrell, Ltd.	5	5	0

LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The distribution of prizes in connection with the Londonderry High School took place on Thursday afternoon in the Examination Hall of McCrea-Magee College. It was the first prize day in connection with the school, which has been constituted by the amalgamation of Victoria High School and St. Lurach's College. The occasion was marked by the presence of the Duchess of Abercorn, who, as President of the Board of Governors of the school, distributed the prizes to the successful pupils. The prize list appears in our advertising columns.

Mr. J. R. Hastings, D.L., Chairman of the Committee of Management, presided. He said that it was most encouraging to all concerned to have such interest taken in that first public meeting of the Londonderry High School. Miss MacKillip for many years had a vision and an ideal before her mind; it was that she would like to see a large public school for girls established in Londonderry, and with the amalgamation of the two schools an opportunity seemed to present itself for her to carry this project into effect. He thought that Miss MacKillip deserved the thanks and gratitude of the citizens of Londonderry and surrounding counties for providing an educational establishment second to none in Ireland. (Applause.)

Miss Sarah MacKillip, headmistress, read the report, which stated:—We opened with a roll of about 220 pupils, whom we classified into ten forms, with two additional subdivisions for honour work in certain subjects. For the teaching of these the Governors of the school sanctioned the employment of a staff of seventeen mistresses—one classical, two for modern languages, two English, two mathematical, one science, two domestic economy, one art, two music, one kindergarten and games mistress, and two junior assistants. The majority of these teachers are University graduates, and many of them specialists in their subjects.

Altogether the school has had a good and prosperous year, and may I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the staff for their able assistance; to the girls for their ready response to law and order; and to the parents for their support in this the first year of the Londonderry High School.

The Duchess of Abercorn said that some people might ask what was the object of having that public school when there were two excellent private schools in the city. There were good answers to that question, and she would mention three of them. The first was, that a private school had many difficulties to contend with nowadays, while a public school was in a far better position to overcome those difficulties and, in addition, it could command the services of a better staff. Then, again, private schools had their petty jealousies, while public schools could rise above these. A third answer was that persons anxious to assist education did not like to send donations or make bequests to privately-owned schools. It was entirely different with public schools.

She congratulated the girls who had gained prizes, and she was sure that with the fine staff they had there would be many more successes next year. (Applause.)

The Duchess then distributed the prizes.

The Bishop of Derry (Dr. Peacocke) proposed a vote thanks to the Duchess of Abercorn for coming to present the prizes.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

At the Anniversary Service held in St. Barnabas' Church, Belfast, the Bishop of Down dedicated a new brass eagle lectern, which was presented to the parish by the Guild of Crafts. This Guild is a parochial organisation for carrying out improvements in the church and school buildings. At the close of the Service the Bishop confirmed over thirty candidates who were presented by the rector, the Rev. R. D. Patterson.

At the recent meeting of the Diocesan Council for Down, Connor and Dromore, it was reported that a sum of nearly £5,000 had been received from the late Mrs. E. O. Campbell, to be known as the St. Clair Mulholland Fund, and that the income was to be applied for the payment of additional clergy in the city.

The position of organist and choirmaster in Portadown Parish Church is vacant.

The Rev. M. J. Portus has been appointed by the Bishop to the Archdeaconry of Kilmore, in place of the Ven. Joseph Mayne, resigned.

The St. Barnabas' Choral Society rendered the sacred cantata, "The Two Advents" (Garrett), in St. Barnabas' Church, Dublin, at the evening Service on Advent Sunday. The Rev. T. W. E. Drury accompanied on the organ.

The Union of Clondalkin and Tallaght, in the diocese of Dublin, will shortly be vacant owing to the nomination of the Rev. G. A. Chamberlain to the incumbency of the Mariners' Church, Kingstown.

The Rev. W. H. Burke, lately curate of Clonmel, has been appointed to Galbally.

SERVICES AND ANTHEMS.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

St. Patrick's Cathedral.—8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11.15 a.m., Matins. Preacher, Very Rev. To Deum, Jubilate, Stanford in C. Anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord" (Purcell). Hymns, 76, "O Jordan's bank." Presentation of the Rev. E. McTighe, LL.D., Prebendary of Donaghmore. 12.15 p.m., Holy Communion. 3.15 p.m., Decani Week Magnificat in D[im]. Stanford. Cantate Domino. (Gerig). Psalm 98. Hymn 75, "While shepherds watched their flocks." 3rd, Christmas Carols. Preacher, Rev. R. McTighe, LL.D., Prebendary and Donaghmore. 7 p.m., Choral Church Celebration.—10.15. Matins. Psalm 11. Jubilate Stanford in B flat. 11 o'clock, Ordination by the Archbishop of Dublin. Holy Communion. Lord in Thy might. Purcell. Preacher, Chancellor McNeile. Hymns, 208, 168, 253, 204. 3.30, Evensong. Psalm 99. Magn. and Nunc Dim. (Walmisley in D). Anthem, "Blessing, Glory" (Bach). Hymn 75. "Preacher, the Dean.

Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Service.

St. Matthias's Parish Church.—11.30, Holy Communion. 3.30, Young People's Service. 7, Carol Service.

St. Ann's Church, Dawson street.—8, Holy Communion. 10 and 12.30, Rev. J. W. Crozier. 3.30 and 7, Rev. A. Alcock.

Rathmines Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Rev. H. U. Fordo. 11.30, Litany, Rev. M. W. Peene. 3.30, Children's Service and Christmas Carols. Evening Prayer and Christmas Carols.

Christ Church, Leeson Park.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. W. C. Rae. 3.30, Carols. Hospital Gift Service. 7, Carol Service.

St. Columba's Church, Ranelagh.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. A. F. Hodges. 7, Carol Service.

St. Peter's.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. W. Synnott, M.C. 3.30, Rev. F. W. Synnott, M.C.

43 York street.—Men's Bible Class at 4 p.m.

St. Audoen's.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. Tobias. 7, Rev. F. W. Synnott, M.C.

Rotunda Hospital Chapel.—11.30, Rev. A. W. B. Mack.

St. Mark's Parish.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. C. Cummins. 7, Rev. J. Carson.

St. Michan's.—11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. Ex. J. Young.

St. Paul's.—11.30, Rev. E. L. Ledwich. 7, Holy Communion. Carol Service.

St. Thomas's Church.—11.30, Rev. H. W. Donald. Carols. 4 and 7, Rev. D. H. Hall.

St. Barnabas's Church.—11.30, Rev. D. H. Hall. Carols. 4 and 7, Rev. H. W. Donald.

St. Stephen's.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Matins and sermon. 11.30, Matins. To Deum, Smart in F; Benedictus, Garrett in A; and Holy Communion, with sermon. 3, Children's Carol Service. 6.15, Evensong. 7, Christmas music from "The Messiah" and Carols.

St. Mary's Parish Church.—11.30, Rev. J. W. Browne. Evening Prayer and Holy Communion Rev. J. W. Browne.

St. Mary's Chapel of Ease.—11.30, 3, and 7, Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty.

Drumcondra Parish.—11.15, Holy Communion. 12, Rev. W. H. Coulter. 4, Children's Service. 7, Carol Service.

North Strand Parish.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon N. J. D. White. 7, Carol Service.

Magdalen Church.—8, Holy Communion.

Rev. Professor Lindsay.—7, Thomas Carols.

Molyneux Church.—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. Morrow.

St. George's.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. John Gordon. 3.15, Rev. R. D. Pope. 7, Carol Service.

St. Aidan's.—11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. Fergus Greer. 3.30 Carol Service. 7, Rev. J. T. Cummins.

St. Augustine's.—11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. G. J. F. Verschoyle. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Rev. E. Watson.

The Free Church.—11.30, Rev. R. Watson. 7, Rev. G. J. F. Verschoyle.

Mageough Home.—11.30, Rev. H. K. Woodward. 4 p.m., Carol Service.

Mission to the Deaf.—St. Ann's Church—2.30, Holy Communion, Rev. F. A. Elliott.

Church of the Three Patriarchs.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins, Rev. Walter Simpson. Subject "The Holy Family." 12, Sung Eucharist, with Advent address. 3.30, Young People's Service. 5.30, Missionary Meeting at Hymns. 7, Evensong, Rev. C. Beaufort-Moss. Subject "Christ and Peace."

St. James's Parish Church.—11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. F. Coldhurst. 7, Carol Service.

St. James' District Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30 and 3.30, Rev. E. M. Bateman. 7, Carol Service.

St. Kevin's, S.C. road.—11.30, Rev. R. Bird. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Rev. C. R. Milligan.

St. Catherine's.—11.30, Canon Thompson. 7, Carols. Rev. J. Purser Shortt.

St. Victor's Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. Greene. Holy Communion. 3, Children's Service. 7, Unveiling and Dedication of Memorial Window, Rev. Fergus W. Greer.

St. Werburgh's Parish Church.—11.15, Rev. R. Northridge. 7, Rev. W. J. McCreery.

Church of the Female Orphan House, N.C. road.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 7, Evening Prayer—Rev. W. Walford Turl.

St. Andrew's Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 3, Service for Choristers. 4, Children's Service. 7, Rev. E. Neturridge.

St. Jude's, Kilmainham.—11.30, Morning Prayer. 3.30 (Young People's Service and 7, Rev. W. W. Coster.

Tullow Parish Church, Carlow.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Litany. 6.30, Evensong and Carols.

Harold's Cross Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 7, Evening Prayer. Christmas Carols.

Monkstown Church.—11.30 and 7, Rev. E. Norton. Christmas Carols.

All Saints', Grangegorman.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion (Choral), Rev. E. H. F. Campbell. 4, Rev. E. H. F. Campbell. 7, Rev. O. D. Oulton.

All Saints' Church, Blackrock.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evensong and Carols.

Sandford Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. C. Hodges. 4, Rev. W. N. Harvey. 7, Carol Service.

St. Philip's Church, Milltown.—11.30, Rev. J. Harthorn-thwaite. 3.30, 7, Carol Service.

Zion Church, Rathgar.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. N. H. Hamilton. 4, Children's Carol Service. 7, Christmas Carols.

Rathfarnham Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Litany; Rev. William Anderson. 3.30, Children's Service. Carols. 7, Evening Prayer. Carols.

Rathfarnham Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Litany. 3.30, Children's Service. 6, Evening Prayer. Holy Communion. 7, Carol Service.

Christ Church, Kingstown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 7, Choral Evensong and Carols.

Mariners' Church, Kingstown.—Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. Devlin. 3.30, Children's Choral service. 7, Evening Prayer, Carols.

Killiney Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 6.30, Carol Service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Abbey Church, Rutland square.—11.45, Rev. A. M. Hodd. 7, Dr. Denham Osborne (Choral Service).

Adelaide road.—11.30 and 7, Rev. R. K. Hanna.

St. Andrew's, Blackrock.—11.30 and 7, Rev. James Scowden.

Bray.—11.30 and 7.

Chapelizod.—4.30, Rev. A. Galley.

Clontarf.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. L. Morrow

Donore.—11.30 and 7, Rev. G. T. C. Clements.

Greystones.—11.30 and 7, Rev. W. S. Kirkpatrick

Howth.—11.30, Mr. W. Stewart. 7, Rev. Dr. Irwin (United Service).

Kingstown.—11.30, Rev. F. S. Gardiner. 7, Rev. A. M. Hodd.

Lucan.—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. Galley.

Malahide.—p.m., Mr. W. F. Stuart Stewart.

Ormond quay.—12 and 7, Rev. F. C. Gibson.

Rathgar (Christ Church).—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. J. Macauley.

Sandymount.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. S. Crockett.

United Free Church of Scotland (Lower Abbey street).—12 and 7, Rev. A. H. Macpherson.

Dublin Presbytery's City Mission—Whitefriar street Hall, 61 Whitefriar street.—4 p.m., Sabbath School. 4.30 p.m., Evangelistic Service, speaker, Mr. Logan.

North Strand Hall.—8.15 p.m., speaker, Mr. Logan.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Moravian Church, Lower Kevin street.—11.30, Morning Service; Rev. J. S. Hutton.

Charleston Road.—11.30, Rev. James M. Alley. 7, Rev. R. Lee Cole.

Brighton Road.—11.30, Rev. R. Lee Cole. 7, Rev. James M. Alley.

Abbey Street.—11.30 and 7, Rev. H. H. Cornick.

Clonliffe.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. Dixon.

Blackhall Place.—11.30, Rev. R. C. Reddie. 7, Mr. E. F. Crook.

Inchicore.—11.30, Mr. F. Macdonald. 7, Rev. R. C. Reddie.

Lucan.—11.30, Rev. S. T. Boyd.

Oldbridge.—3.30, Rev. S. T. Boyd.

Bray.—11.30 and 7, Rev. W. J. Christie.

Sandymount.—11.30 and 7, Rev. W. L. Condy.

Ringsend.—11.30 and 7, Rev. Ronson E. Gentleman.

Clontarf.—11.30 and 7, Dr. Carruthers.

Sutton.—11.30, Mr. R. F. T. Crook. 7, United Service in the Presbyterian Church.

Blackrock.—11.30, Rev. William Crawford. 7, Mr. W. M'Donald.

Kingstown.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. A. Duke.

Dalkey.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. Egan.

Centenary, Stephen's Green.—11.30 and 7, Rev. W. J. Oliver (Evening Carol Service).

Kingsland Park.—11.30, Mr. A. H. Gibson. 7, Rev. W. B. Lumley.

Dolphin's Barn.—11.30 and 7, Rev. B. Brooke Morton.

OTHER CHURCHES AND HALLS.

Kilmainham Congregational Church.—11.30 and 7, Rev. Philip Davis.

Kingstown Congregational Church.—11.30 and 7, Rev. S. Henderson.

Congregational Church, York street.—11.30, Rev. W. H. Budd.

Baptist Church, Harcourt street.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. D. Gilmore.

Baptist Church, Phibsborough.—11.30 and 7, Pastor J. W. Pearce.

Baptist Tabernacle, Kingstown.—11.30 and 7.

Grosvenor Hall, Rathmines.—7, Mr. R. A. Pettigrew.

Fairview Hall.—12, Mr. J. Stone. 7, Mr. A. G. Beavan.

Merrion Hall.—12 and 7, Mr. C. Hickman.

The Salvation Army.—South Richmond street (Portobello Bridge), Sunday, 11, 3, and 7.15, Adjutant and Mrs. Willis. Lower Abbey street, Sunday, 11.15, 3.15, and 7.15, Captain J. V. Davis and Lieutenant M. White. Patrick street, Kingstown, Sunday, 11.30, 3.30, and 7.30, Captain M. Fee and Lieutenant Findlow.

Ringsend Mission Hall and Y.M.C.A., Pigeonhouse road.—4, Mr. Henry Mumford. 7 sisters pictures.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin (a branch of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), 35 Molesworth street.—Services, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Christian Science Reading Room, same address.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin, Rathmines Park (a branch Church of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.)—Services, at which all are welcome—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, open daily, 85 Grafton street, free to the public, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m. Lesson Sermon, Sunday, December 23rd: "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

City of Dublin Y.M.C.A., Lower Abbey street.—5 to 6, Conversational Bible Class; leader, Mr. E. Wallis. 8.30, Gospel Meeting; special lantern address by Mr. T. R. Sparks. Boys' Department—5 to 6. Bible Class.

EARLSFORT HOUSE SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes was held at Earlsfort House School, Dublin, on the 19th inst. Addressing a large audience, the Headmaster (Mr. W. Ernest Exshaw) said that 1923 had been a record year. There had been seventeen University successes direct from the school, as against the twenty-two of the previous ten years. In October R. H. S. Healy had won fourth Junior Exhibition in Trinity College. During the year the school had acquired playing fields superior to those of other years.

The Very Rev. J. Percy Phair, M.A., Dean of Ossory, then distributed the prizes. He expressed his deep interest in Earlsfort House and complimented Mr. Exshaw and his staff on the results achieved. Dr. S. T. Gordon proposed a vote of thanks to Dean Phair, and referred to the admirable tone of the school.

A lecture, illustrated by films and slides, on "Japan, Before and After the Earthquake," will be given by a former resident in Japan in the Theatre Royal, Dublin, on Wednesday, the 2nd January, at three o'clock. This lecture is being held under the auspices of the two great missionary societies of the Anglican Communion and of the Bible Society.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NORTH DUBLIN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above-named Council hereby give Notice that, after the expiration of one calendar month from the date of publication of this Notice, they intend to make application to the Ministry of Local Government to be invested with the powers of an Urban Sanitary Authority for the proposed

PUBLIC LIGHTING OF KILLESTER.

In the Rural District of North Dublin.

1. The proposed Area of Charge for all expenses in connection with the Erection of 30 Lamps, and the Lighting of same, shall be the Townlands of Killester North and Killester Demesne.
2. The estimated cost of providing the Lamps, £130, and the annual charge of maintaining same, about £165 per annum.
3. The poundage rate for providing the Lamps will be 7½d. in the £ for the first year only, and maintaining same 10d. in the £ per annum.
4. A Map, on which the intended positions of the Lamps and the Area of Charge are marked in BLUE, can be seen at the Clerk's Office, Boardroom, 66 Middle Abbey street, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. Saturdays excepted. Objections in writing, if any, should be lodged with the undersigned before the 23rd day of January, 1924, on which day the Council will consider objections, if any, at its meeting, to be held at 12.30 p.m.

At the end of above-named period the Council will make application to the Local Government Department, in pursuance of Sec. 1 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, for an Order declaring the Provisions of Section 80 of the said Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, to be in force in the Townlands of Killester North and Killester Demesne.

JAMES P. CONRY, Clerk of the Council, and Executive Sanitary Officer.

Boardroom, 66 Middle Abbey street,
Dublin, 18th December, 1923.

LONDON, MIDLAND, AND SCOTTISH RAILWAY COMPANY

NOTICE.

The DAY MAIL STEAMERS

8.50 a.m. FROM KINGSTOWN,
2.40 p.m. FROM HOLYHEAD,

BETWEEN

DUN LAOGHAIRE AND HOLYHEAD

WILL

NOT SAIL

ON

CHRISTMAS DAY.

THE MUNSTER AND LEINSTER BANK, LIMITED.

A Branch of this Bank will be Opened for Business at Manorhamilton, County Leitrim, on THURSDAY, the 27th INSTANT, under the Management of Mr. T. F. Reynolds.

By Order of the Board,

T. B. LILLIS,
General Manager.

Cork, 20th December, 1923.

CHURCH OF IRELAND TRAINING COLLEGE.

In connection with
TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 1924

NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY.

The Examination for Admission
WILL BE HELD AT EASTER, 1924.

Special attention is drawn to the increased salaries of Masters and Mistresses in National Schools, and to the fact that all who enter the Training College become at once Students of Trinity College, Dublin. For the Easter Examination of 1924 the Ministry has agreed to an alternative Irish programme of a simple character, which will be sent from Kildare place to those applying for entrance to the Church of Ireland Training College.

Application Forms, which will be issued on and after November 1st, 1923, must be returned before January 24th, 1924.

Please apply for Prospectus and Entrance Programme to the Rev. THE PRINCIPAL, Kildare place, Dublin.

THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met on Thursday, the 20th inst. The Primate presided. The other members present were:—Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Kilmore, Bishop of Down, Bishop of Ossory, Bishop of Tuam, Dean of Christ Church, J. A. Maconchy, Major Wellesley, Rev. Canon A. Lockett Ford, Archdeacon of Meath, Rev. Canon Wilson, Rev. James White, Captain A. M. Carden, D.L.; H. D. Conner, K.C.; Dermod O'Brien, D.L.; Rev. Canon H. Kingsmill Moore, D.D.; Earl of Belmore, D.L.; Gerald FitzGibbon, K.C.; H. Cole Bowen, Dean of Kildare. Having transacted business, the Standing Committee adjourned until Thursday, the 17th of January, 1924.

The Board of Education of the General Synod met on Thursday, the 20th inst. The Primate presided. The other members present were:—Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Kilmore, Bishop of Down, Bishop of Clogher, Archdeacon of Killaloe, D. Horgan, LL.D., Rev. Canon Kingsmill Moore, D.D.; Rev. W. J. Mayne, Henry C. Bowen, Rev. Canon Lockett Ford, Captain A. Carden, D.L.; J. Thompson, Rev. W. Anderson. Having transacted business, the Board adjourned.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

MEMORIAL
TO THE LATE
PROFESSOR W. ASHLEY CUMMINS, M.D., M.Ch.

Many of the friends of the late Dr. W. Ashley Cummins are anxious that his memory should be perpetuated in some suitable manner, and are of opinion that the most suitable form of a Memorial will be the endowment of a Bed or Cot in the Victoria Hospital in gratitude for his wonderful work for that institution, and for his unfailing care and kindness to the sick and suffering of Cork City and County for over forty years.

Friends wishing to join are invited to co-operate and to send donations to any of the following:—

Lady COLTHURST, The Castle, Blarney.
Mrs. DOWSE, The Palace.
Mrs. C. E. BEALE, 1 Clifton Villas, Montenotte, Cork.
Mrs. J. BRUCE, 3 Ardfoile Villas, Ballintemple, Cork.
Dr. MICHAEL CAGNEY, 13 St. Patrick's place, Cork.
Dr. C. B. PEARSON, 1 Sidney Place, Cork.
or to
Mrs. A. F. SHARMAN CRAWFORD, Hon. Treasurer, Lota Lodge, Glanmire, Co. Cork.

ASSOCIATION OF LOYAL ORANGEWOMEN OF IRELAND.

PRESENTATION TO GRAND MISTRESS.

A Meeting of the Central Committee of the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland was held in Sandy row (Belfast) Orange Hall on Tuesday last for the purpose of presenting the retiring Grand Mistress, Sister M. E. Johnstone, with an Address and Jewel in recognition of her services to the Order during her period of office.

Unfortunately, very serious illness had prevented the Grand Mistress from attending the Meeting of Grand Lodge last month, and it was then decided that her son, Brother Robert Johnstone, should be invited to attend and receive the gift on his mother's behalf. The presentation on Tuesday was accordingly made to Brother Johnstone as deputy for his mother.

Sister Leah Garratt, Worshipful Grand Mistress, and Sister Lume, Senior Deputy Grand Mistress, in saying what a disappointment it had been to the whole Grand Lodge that Sister Johnstone had not been able to be present at the Meeting in November to receive the presentation herself, and stating that she was the first Meeting of Grand Lodge from which she had been absent since she became Grand Mistress on the revival of the Order in 1919. They asked Brother Johnstone to convey to his mother the sympathy of the Order in her present illness and their best wishes for her recovery.

The Grand Secretary then read the following Address:—

"WORSHIPFUL GRAND MISTRESS,—

"We, whose names are written below, members of the Women's Grand Lodge of Ireland, desire to express to you the de

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN DUBLIN.

EFFECT OF POSTAL DELAYS.

To-day is—well, it is here already. To-morrow is Sunday, and then there is only Monday before Christmas Day. So much to be done. So little time to do it in. And the Post Office people say that if we want letters to be delivered by Christmas Day they must be posted before two o'clock to-day, and that it is already late for parcels, which ought all to have been posted before two o'clock yesterday.

So many tasks; so little time! Every year it has been the same, and vows have been made to do better the next time. There is this year some excuse. Christmas Day, if you look at it that way, may be said to be at the middle of next week. It is a long time till then for the youngsters, who have "broken up" and are almost delirious with excitement already. To elder folk who have shopping to do and all sorts of preparations to organise, the plain fact is that after to-day there is but one more shopping day, and that is Christmas Eve itself; and, further, that the post, so far as despatch of Christmas parcels and letters is concerned, is as good as closed already.

One important relief there is for Dublin shoppers. The big stores, which in the ordinary way would be closed at one o'clock for the Saturday half-holiday, will be kept open to-day until—in most instances—six o'clock. The extension will be appreciated by people who, being employed in offices, have been unable to get any time for shopping during the week, and would prefer to do it at the big stores, where a wide variety of articles suitable for gifts is shown; where, also, a long list of "wants" can be ticked off in one building.

Yesterday the central streets of Dublin were filled early with crowds of shoppers. Soon after ten o'clock there began to form queues at the stamps and parcels counters of the post offices. The day started cold and cheerless-looking, but later turned quite mild, and in the afternoon the chief shopping districts were thronged with busy parties of young and old. In the toy departments of the large stores, especially those where the juvenile interest was particularly attracted by a "Father Christmas" or a "Fairyland", or other romantic adjunct, there was occasionally, between three and six o'clock, a complete jamming of the crowds, until the pressure and the heat urged people in charge of family parties to withdraw their forces before they became involuntarily parted. Restaurants and tea-shops rang with the clatter of visitors as the tables were occupied by one party after another.

EARLIER SHOPPING.

"We can only estimate what is to come on Saturday and Monday," said the head of a large Dublin store, "but I think it is very likely we shall be able to say that shopping has been done earlier this year. Considering that only two days are left, and that we did not expect this to be by any means a good year, in view of the state of trade generally, sales up to this afternoon have been remarkably good, and the high-pressure days began much earlier than in former years. You might say that Christmas buying has been intense since the beginning of last week, and even before that there was quite a lot of buying that was plainly part of the Christmas shopping."

"We have to thank the Post Office for a lot of it, in my opinion," he added. "How so?" "Well, because Post Office delays have been talked about so much in the past year that people took care to allow for them, even before the official announcement was made that Friday morning was the last safe time for posting parcels. Everything intended for despatch had to be purchased by yesterday, but to judge by the early date at which we began to be extra busy, most people must have taken care to give the Post Office a good margin. That has been satisfactory in one way; but it does not mean that we do not want to see an efficient postal service."

With dealers in provisions and Christmas eatables generally, shopping was not quite as well forward as with the fancy goods and toys traders. People still feel that they have got the week-end in which to do that part of their Christmas shopping. "The real rush has not come yet," was the report in one quarter. "But I expect to be a tired man by this time to-morrow and on Monday. In the next two days I shall sell more than I have sold in the whole of the past fortnight. The trouble will be with deliveries. People will be grumbling about getting stuff delivered late on Christmas Eve. If they would come along with even the greater part of their orders a day earlier than they do I would undertake to deliver at a time to suit everybody's convenience."

POINTS OF ADVANTAGE.

A Tuesday Christmas has its points of advantage, more especially for the shopper, because one can aim at completing the shopping programme proper by Saturday night and yet have Monday for afterthoughts. Among shop assistants and office people who have to attend on Christmas Eve there is, however, some grumbling this year, and a Tuesday Christmas is disliked. They were "spoiled" for it by last year's very convenient arrangement, by which office workers, for example, had a clear rest from Saturday midday—if not from Friday night—to Wednesday morning. This year they get only from Monday night (perhaps late that night) to Thursday morning, and that means that many whose homes are in the country cannot get there for Christmas.

One of the things that were being done very actively yesterday, besides shopping, was booking for Christmas season entertainments. Youngsters home from school had inquired where they were going to be taken during their holidays, and parents woke up to the fact that, unless they were to lose their reputation for benignity this season, they must visit box offices without delay. Pantomime at the Gaiety and the Olympia theatres, and that delightful operatic pantomime, "Hansel and Gretel," at the Theatre Royal, have their opening performances on St. Stephen's Day. At the Queen's a pantomime is already running merrily. Booking is heavy for all these, and many people yesterday were disappointed at not getting as early a date as they wished. Young people beyond the child stage were deciding on dance fixtures, which are going to be particularly gay this Christmas.

In some offices and employments little work can be done round about the holiday season, and a great many people were able to get away to the country or across-Channel last night. The railway companies have offered attractive excursion arrangements. The Holyhead boats were crowded yesterday, but the London, Midland, and Scottish Company gave a choice to excursionists of commencing the journey either yesterday or to-day, an arrangement which tends to relieve congestion of traffic.

Carol Services will be held in many of the churches this evening and to-morrow.

BELFAST CHRISTMAS MARKET.

BUSY PURCHASERS.

Large crowds attended the second and most important of the Christmas markets in Belfast yesterday. The principal attraction was St. George's Market, which was open from 5.45 a.m.

The supply of turkeys and geese was the largest this season, and as the day advanced the prices went up from 2d. to 3d. per pound, the smaller fowl advancing in equal proportions. The prices as compared with the corresponding period last year were in favour of the purchaser.

In addition to fowl of all sorts, there was a large display of holly, mistletoe, and other plants for decorative purposes, while the supply of Christmas trees was immense.

Irish eggs, butter, and meat were also on sale in great quantities, and stallholders did a splendid trade.

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ARMY DEPARTMENT LANDS.

SCHEMES OF DEVELOPMENT.

Acting for the Ministry of Defence, Messrs. J. J. Rooney and Sons, auctioneers, Prussia street, Dublin, offered to the public yesterday the grazing, on the eleven months system, of the Remount Farm at Lusk, containing some 120 acres. In the general decline of grazing land values, the bidding for the nine divisions was about £2 an acre less than last year's letting. The "Militia Field," for instance, which last year went £9 5s. an acre, was let for £7. This price, on the other hand, is only £1 below the present average for the best County Meath fattening grass.

An *Irish Times* representative has obtained some interesting information concerning the many thousands of acres that have, like the farm at Lusk, passed from the control of the British War Office to that of the Minister of Defence for Saorstat Eireann. Those valuable possessions of the State—which, it may be assumed, will not be required for military purposes in the future—are managed by what is probably the smallest department in the country. It consists of Mr. Con Donovan, Chief Lands Officer; Mr. Denis Hannigan, assistant officer, and two clerks. Already the department is turning over a goodly annual sum to the Minister for Finance.

The lands administered are in different parts of the country, some in urban areas, as at Clonmel and in Dundalk, being available as free building sites. The 900 acres of Moor Park, Fermoy, and a couple of hundred acres at Tallaght and Baldonnell, near Dublin, are let for grazing on weekly takes. The 7,000 acres of the old artillery camping ground in Glen Imaal, Co. Wicklow, are also let as a convenience for local sheep raisers.

The possibility of the development of this national property for the benefit of agriculture is already being explored, and various schemes are being investigated. That which appears nearest to realisation is to make the Glen Imaal lands the forestry centre of the country. Experiments have proved this a perfect place for the growing of valuable timber trees, which will soon be required for reafforesting. The Sitka spruce and the Japanese larch, which come to maturity very quickly, have here an almost natural habitat, and the Austrian pine, as well as the more usual forest trees, can all be grown there successfully from seed.

A suggestion for the development of the Lusk farm is to convert it into a dairy centre for the study and development of milking strains of cattle. It is eminently suited for the purpose, and incidentally its use as such would, in the opinion of many, bring down the price of milk in Dublin. Already an English firm has offered to rent some of the fine buildings on the farm for pig fattening on a very large scale.

Moor Park, one of the finest and best laid-out farm sites in the country, gives cause for very serious consideration of what is best to be done with it. It is an ideal spot for a demonstration and experimental farm on a larger scale than any in the three islands. With the avident growth of interest in agriculture as a skilled calling, this may ultimately be the function of Moor Park in Irish agricultural economy.

Mr. Donovan, who is at the head of the Lands Department, has earned by his work under the Department of Agriculture the reputation of being a strong force in modern agriculture. He was the pioneer of the cow-testing associations in South Tipperary, and was also the moving spirit in the Tipperary Junior Farmers' Association, which brought together hundreds of young agriculturists for the scientific study of their occupation.

OBITUARY.

SIR LAMBERT HEPENSTAL ORMSBY.

We regret to annoince that Sir Lambert Hepenstal Ormsby died early yesterday morning, at his residence, 92 Merrion square, Dublin. Sir Lambert had been in failing health for some time, but, notwithstanding this, had been out of doors as recently as a week ago.

Sir Lambert Ormsby was born at Onehunga Lodge, Auckland, in 1849, the only son of George Owen Ormsby, C.E., and Selina, daughter of the Rev. Lambert Hepenstal, M.A., of Altadon, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

Sir Lambert might never have been a surgeon. In his boyhood days (he was of a bold, adventurous spirit then) it was his ambition to enter the Royal Navy. Indeed, after an early education at the Commercial School, Auckland; the Lyceum, and the Grammar School, Parnell, he left Auckland for London in 1864 with that end in view, but instead he went to the Royal School, Dungannon. He studied medicine, and was apprenticed to Mr. Porter, later Sir George Porter, Bart.

At the age of 19 Sir Lambert was a surgeon and physician. He had put in three years as a student at the Royal College, as surgeon, and the Meath Hospital, where he was surgical resident pupil. He began to read for the Army Medical Service in 1869, but at this stage an accident determined the drift of his career. In a casual conversation with the late Dr. John Morgan, Professor of Anatomy in the Royal College of Surgeons, he was offered the position of anatomical demonstrator at that institution, and, accepting it, in two years was a skilled practical teacher. In 1872 he became surgeon to the Meath Hospital.

Entering Trinity College, Dublin, he graduated in arts in 1875, becoming in the same year a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and in 1879 took the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Specially interested from an early period of his career in orthopædic surgery and in the diseases of children requiring surgical treatment, he published two important volumes, the result of much study and practical experience, on "Deformities of the Human Body," and on "The Study of Diseases Peculiar to Children."

In 1876 he founded the National Orthopædic and Children's Hospital (now the National Children's Hospital), a humane and much-needed enterprise, the energetic promotion of which will always be associated with his memory. This was by no means the only philanthropic movement which Surgeon Ormsby instituted, and in which he took a life-long interest. He acted as Chairman of the Association for the Housing of the Very Poor in Dublin, and the occasions were many upon which his broad-minded sympathies found practical expression.

From the year 1880 until his death Sir Lambert devoted himself exclusively to surgical practice. At all times an advocate of skilled hospital nursing, he founded, in 1885, the Dublin Red Cross Nursing Sisters' Home and Training School for Nurses, and watched over its development with assiduous care. He acted as senior surgeon to the National Children's Hospital, consulting surgeon to the Drummond Military School, Chapelizod, and honorary consulting surgeon to the Dublin branch of the Institute of Journalists. He was, besides, a member of the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals and Governor of the Lock Government Hospital, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine, Ireland, and a Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society of London. From 1902 to 1904 he was President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, and it was during that term, in 1903, that the honour of Knighthood was conferred upon him in recognition of his services.

Sir Lambert Ormsby was twice married, having four children (two sons and two daughters) by his first wife. The second marriage was in 1921, to Geraldine Matthews, R.R.C., O.B.E., only daughter of the late William Matthews, Hyères, Var, France.

B.A.T. PROFITS INCREASED.

An increase of £94,186 in the net profit at £4,494,972 is shown by the preliminary statement of the British-American Tobacco Company for the year to 30th September, 1923. The directors recommend a final dividend of 9 per cent., free of tax, upon the ordinary shares, thereby maintaining the previous year's distribution of 25 per cent., leaving to be carried forward £3,531,846, compared with £3,276,952 brought in.

The following table shows the results for the past three years:—

	Sept., 1923.	Sept., 1922.	Sept., 1921.
Profit	£4,494,972	£4,400,784	£4,333,481
Brought in...	3,276,952	*3,111,877	1,654,200
Dividend	25%	24%	24%
Forward	3,531,846	3,276,952	1,990,187

*Including balance of war contingencies fund, £1,221,999.

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FISCAL POLICY.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT CRITICISED.

CASE FOR PROTECTION.

The following statement, signed by Sir Nugent T. Everard, Bart., was issued yesterday:—

"The Federation of Irish Industries (Incorporated), 102-3 Grafton street, Dublin, has had under consideration the report issued by the Fiscal Inquiry Committee, and, whilst it has not had time thoroughly to investigate the contents, it has no hesitation in stating that a persual of the document will show that it is mainly based on illogical generalisations and assumptions.

"As an instance, in paragraph 99, page 49, the following occurs:—

> There is also the strong probability that the home manufacturer will be unable to resist the temptation to increase his own prices up to the highest level at which it is possible to undersell the imported article, especially in view of the fact (of which the Committee has received evidence) that at present there is a tendency to regulate the price of the home product by the price of similar goods of foreign manufacture.

"The only industry which has benefited so far by a measure of protection is the tobacco industry. So far there has not been any increase of prices. Cigarettes and tobacco manufactured in Ireland have been, and are, sold at the same prices over An Saorstat as existed before the setting up of the Customs barrier.

INCREASED EMPLOYMENT.

"The direct result of the protection given in this one industry has been the considerable expenditure of capital in the building of new premises, providing employment for those employed in the building trade. Permanent employment has been given to 500 additional employés, with the certainty that when these factories are completed a further 1,500 at least will find employment.

"A number of these workpeople have been taken from the Labour Exchange, where they were drawing the unemployment benefit, and instead of being a charge on the unemployment fund, they are now contributing to their less fortunate brothern who are still unemployed and are forced to draw from the fund. It is obvious that the homes of these 500 employés are more prosperous than they were, say, six months ago.

"The local authorities and the ratepayers will benefit from the rates which will be assessed on these factories. The employés out of their earnings will also contribute to the State through the purchase of tea, sugar, tobacco and other taxable commodities. In the near future these factories will help the finances of the State through the payment of income tax hitherto paid elsewhere.

"The Fiscal Committee evidently, from paragraph 126 on page 58 of the report, think that legislation should be such as to prevent firms from abroad establishing factories in An Saorstat; or, in other words, that we would be better off if the tobacco factories were not established in An Saorstat and that we still imported 80 per cent. of our manufactured tobacco and manufactured only 20 per cent., with the consequent less employment to our people. We are sure the general public will not support this view.

FAIR PLAY.

"The general body of Irish manufacturers are not so lacking in intelligence as to believe that with tariffs they will have no competition. They only ask that at least their competitors will be subjected to the same conditions as they have to face themselves, and this Federation has no sympathy whatever with manufacturers who claim assistance or advantages which are not open to any firm or industry which is prepared to invest their capital and carry on manufacturing industry in An Saorstat.

"The whole tenor of the report is to minimise the magnitude of the industries which are in favour of protection. To disprove this we may mention that the sweet and confectionery trade alone guaranteed in their evidence that if reasonable safeguards were given to them they could in the very near future employ 6,000 additional hands in the production of sweets and confectionery.

"We further say that the State has a duty to all its people (irrespective of individual interests) to legislate in such a way as to induce permanent industrial employment for the people, and not mere emergency work or palliatives. It would not appear at first reading that the report was got out to help in this direction."

A LANDLORD'S CLAIM.

Mr. Justice Pim gave judgment yesterday in a rent case, in which the point raised was the same as that which affected the Glasgow and other Scottish cases that created so much interest some time ago. It was an appeal by the tenant, John McSwiney, for a decree of the Recorder of Dublin for £20 10s. in favour of the plaintiff, Elizabeth Hartney, in respect of two quarters' rent up to August 1st, for the premises, 87 Aughrim street.

For the appellant it was contended that the claim for rent was insustainable, inasmuch as the tenant had been over-paying his rent, having regard to the requirements of the Increase of Rent Act, and as no notice to quit had been served upon him before the increase had been put into operation.

His lordship had heard the case on a previous date, and now, having considered the evidence, he reversed the decree of the Recorder, with costs, holding that the landlord's claim was not sustainable, there being no rent due at the date of the issue of the civil bill, having regard to the over-payment made.

Mr. W. J. Gleeson (instructed by Mr. James Brady) appeared for the appellant, and Mr. J. V. Nolan-Whelan (instructed by Messrs. Noyk and O'Reilly) for the plaintiff.

BAIL APPLICATION REFUSED.

(BEFORE MR. GEORGE HEWSON, REFEREE.)

The shooting of Mr. Max Green was recalled yesterday, when an application was made, before Mr. Justice Dodd, to admit James O'Neill to bail.

Mr. Lynch, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Gerald Byrne) said that the applicant was a young man named James O'Neill, who had been tried three times for what might be described as a "hold up." He was arrested on the 3rd March, 1922, tried three times, and had been in prison since. The case had to be adjourned at the last two Commissions owing to the fact that a material witness for the defence was ill and unable to attend. Counsel moved on the affidavit of the applicant, who said that he was charged with having, in pursuance of a conspiracy, while armed, stolen by force and violence from R. O'Donoghue and Thomas C. Brownell, at Molesworth street, Dublin, a sum of £60 and an attache case, the property of the Ministry of Labour. He offered as his securities Paul Hyland, 78 Thomas street, Dublin, licensed vintner, and Michael Clarke, 101 Francis street, Dublin, licensed vintner, in a recognisance for £500.

Mr. John O'Byrne (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor) opposed the application.

Mr. Justice Dodd refused the application.

PREFERS THE SCAFFOLD.

A young man named Denis Smith-O'Brien, who claimed to be a grand-nephew of a knight living in County Cork, was charged before Mr. Cooper, K.C., in the Dublin Police Court yesterday, with having obtained an overcoat by false pretences from Mrs. Murphy, wife of Sergeant-Major Murphy, 18 Harrington street.

The accused, in a statement when arrested, said that he pawned the coat in order to get nutriment for his mother. He added: "I am a clean fighter, and most of my doings in life are straight. My choice is that if any punishment is inflicted on me, it be the scaffold, because I will not live after detention. If the judge desires otherwise than the scaffold, then I shall be only tumbling to suicide on my emancipation from prison."

The prisoner was returned for trial at the City Sessions.

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YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

SHARES IN A COMPANY.

WINDING-UP AFFAIR IN DUBLIN.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, the hearing was resumed of the matter of J. H. Hunter and Co., Ltd., seed merchants, Dublin, now in liquidation, which came before the Court on a summons taken out on behalf of Sir Samuel Kelly, shipowner, Belfast, to obtain the opinion of the Court as to whether his name should be retained or struck off the list of contributories as a shareholder.

Mr. Dickie, K.C., and Mr. James Henry (instructed by Messrs. McKinty and Wright) appeared for Sir Samuel Kelly, whose case was that he was not a contributory; Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., Mr. H. Wilson, K.C., and Mr. Morgan Byrne (instructed by Messrs. Maxwell, Weldon and Co.) for the liquidator (Mr. Michael J. Purtill); and Mr. V. Wilson (instructed by Messrs. Hayes and Son) for the executors of the late Mr. J. H. Hunter, deceased, and for Mr. R. H. Hunter, his son.

Mr. Brown, K.C., for the liquidator, stated that Mr. Dickie's case was that Sir Samuel Kelly should not be put on the list of contriutories, because he never was allotted the shares mentioned, and that he did nothing from which an acceptance of the shares could be implied. In order to substantiate that case he had sworn (1) that the shares which he understood he was to get when he received the certificate were 10,000 shares of £1 each, fully paid up.

His Lordship suggested that the best way to put the question would be, whether, in fact, there had been an allotment of the shares in question to him, and and whether he had accepted the allotment.

Mr. Brown accepted that suggestion, and proceeded to deal with the "settled" statements which had been made in support of Sir Samuel Kelly's case, which was that there was no allotment and no acceptance; and in support of that case he made certain allegations of fact which he (Mr. Brown), for convenience, divided into four. First he said, and repeated three times in his affidavits, that the shares which he understood he was to get when he got the certificate were 10,000 ordinary shares at £1 each, fully paid up. The second allegation of fact was that the meeting of the directors alleged to have taken place in his office on the 27th August, 1920, and at which the shares had been allotted to him, never took place, and that the entry on the minute book was invented to meet the state of affairs then.

The third position that Sir Samuel Kelly took up was that, though he got a certificate of shares in a registered letter, he said that he did not read it, and that the moment he saw it he sent it back for alteration. That was about 28th January, 1921. And in explanation of having kept the certificate from the 4th September, 1920, till that date—about five months—he said that he was seriously ill when it reached him, and when he got to know of it he returned it to the company.

"I think," said Mr. Brown, "I have stated his case fairly and accurately, and the question for your Lordship is—is it credible?" Counsel then proceeded to examine each of these allegations of fact separately, stating first what the case was on the other side. There was, he said, a series of regularly kept official documents of the company, in which these transactions were duly and accurately set out. There were also a number of letters from one or other of the Messrs. Hunter, some of which Sir Samuel Kelly admitted getting, and some of which he denied getting, which were inconsistent with his case. In the third place, his lordship had an affidavit from Mr. R. H. Hunter, which contrasted most favourably with the last affidavit of Sir Samuel Kelly, where he described in particular detail the circumstances which led up to the meeting of 27th August.

The Master of the Rolls called attention to the fact that minutes of several of the company's meetings had not been signed at all.

Mr. Brown explained that some meetings were held at the office in Dublin, some in Dundalk, and some in Belfast. Sir Samuel Kelly's story was not corroborated at all, and his lordship had, on the other side, the records of the company properly kept.

The Master of the Rolls—I will not say properly kept, but not artistically kept. (Laughter.)

Mr. Brown said that Sir Samuel Kelly started with the statement that he understood the shares he was to get were 10,000 Ordinary £1 shares, fully paid up; but on the documents that was absolutely incredible. Sir Samuel Kelly, he supposed, was one of the most experienced and clever business men in Belfast. It was true that he was probably a millionaire more than once at that time. But he (Mr. Brown) did not care how rich he was, a man of his experience and shrewdness was not going to invest thousands of pounds in companies without knowing, at any rate, what were the denominations of those shares.

Mr. H. Wilson, K.C., dealing with the legal aspect of the case, said that he could not argue that Sir Samuel Kelly was qualified as a director at the date of the meeting on the 27th of August, 1920, though he had been previously co-opted; but if his lordship was satisfied that he was present at that meeting, and that this minute was correct, it did not matter whether he was qualified then or not.

Mr. Vaughan Wilson was also heard for Mr. R. H. Hunter.

The Master of the Rolls adjourned the case till the first Wednesday of next sittings, as it could not be concluded that evening.

WESTMEATH BANKRUPTCY

RELEASES FROM PRISON.

Patrick Keogan, a bankrupt, of Killucan; Mary Keogan, his wife; and Mrs. McLoughlin, his sister-in-law, who had been sent to prison for unsatisfactory answering when examined in connection with the bankrupt's affairs, were released by Mr. Justice Pim, in the Bankruptcy Court yesterday, on giving an undertaking to afford all the help and information at their disposal to the assignee, when called upon.

MATRIMONIAL SUITS.

TWO PETITIONS.

In the Matrimonial Division, Mr. Justice Dodd fixed the mode of trial before a common jury in the case in which Norah Maher, of 99 Townsend street, Dublin, is petitioner, and Martin Maher, the respondent. The petition is brought for divorce on the ground of cruelty, which is denied.

Mr. Martin Maguire (instructed by Mr. M. J. O'Farrell) appeared for the petitioner, and Mr. Kingsmill Moore (instructed by Mr. Wm. Dwyer) for the respondent.

Mr. Justice Dodd also fixed the trial of the matrimonial suit of McNeill v. McNeill before a judge and a common jury. The petitioner is Myra McNeill, and she alleges cruelty on the part of her husband, Thomas H. McNeill, of Longford, from whom she seeks a divorce a mensa et thoro. The respondent denies the cruelty and pleads condonation.

Mr. Russell (instructed by Mr. W. V. Seddall) appeared for the petitioner, and Mr. J. J. Walsh (instructed by Mr. G. F. Montgomery) for the respondent.

INCHICORE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

In the Chancery Division, on the renewed application of Mr. Fergus O'Connor, the Master of the Rolls made an order amending and changing the title of the Society, now in liquidation, to the "Inchicore Co-operative Friendly Society," an affidavit of the liquidator having been produced, stating that no person had been misled by the title under which the proceedings were originated.

ESTATE DUTY APPEAL.

This was an appeal to the Referee by the executors of Mary A. S. Talbot, deceased, who died on the 21st December, 1920, against the value placed by the Revenue Commissioners on a profit rent of £36 18s. 0d., out of property in Sidney avenue, Blackrock, and profit rent of £75 7s. 4d. out of property in Upper Ormond quay, Dublin. The Commissioners fixed the price at £1,250, the appellants' valuation being £750.

The Referee fixed the value at £1,100, and awarded costs to the Commissioners.

Mr. A. T. McNair, C.E.F.S.I., of the General Valuation Office, gave evidence on behalf of the Commissioners.

Mr. J. Ross Byrne appeared for the appellants. Mr. Collins (Revenue Solicitor's Office) appeared for the Commissioners.

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TUAM BANKRUPT.

Before Mr. Justice Pim, Mr. Richard K. Brown, a bankrupt, trading as R. Kilgeraff and Son, Tuam, was examined regarding his affairs.

It appeared that on the 30th June, 1923, the bankrupt was at a loss of £1,377 on the year's trading. A sum of £2,000, which he received from his wife on his marriage in February last, was put into the business, and in October last he called a meeting of his creditors, there being then a deficit of over £5,000. He offered to pay 4s. in the £, but the creditors refused to accept less than 15s. in the £. The value of the stock had fallen from £1,889 in June to £484 in October. There had been an increase in the debts of £502.

The bankrupt was examined, and said that trade had been nothing like what it was. He had also lost on depreciation of stock. He denied that anything had been taken away from the stock.

Mr. Justice Pim said that this was a very serious case. The accounts showed that £2,600 had apparently disappeared in six months, and the explanation given was no explanation. He required the bankrupt to attend on the 18th January next to explain matters. He said that the case looked extremely bad and suspicious. He took a very serious view of it now, and might have to take a more serious view of it.

Mr. Lardner, K.C. (instructed by Mr. E. F. Collins), for the assignees, and Mr. W. G. Shannon (instructed by Mr. Concanen) for trustees of the marriage settlement, and Mr. Seddall for the bankrupt.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — The anti-cyclone off the South-West coasts is still receding south-westward, and a depression developing between Iceland and the Faroes is likely to move south-east. Winds will be mainly north-westerly or westerly, with generally dull weather. A temporarily mild period is likely in the West, with some rain or drizzle. It seems probable that the milder conditions will spread to the East, also sleet or snow early, turning to rain later.

Ireland. — Wind westerly or north-westerly, moderate to fresh or strong; much cloud; some rain; visibility poor or moderate; temporarily milder than of late.

All Irish Seaboards. — Wind westerly or north-westerly, fresh or strong; dull; some rain or drizzle; visibility poor at times; sea rather rough.

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To-day....	Rises	8.38	Sets	4. 8
To-morrow..	„	8.39	„	4. 9
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		Morning		Afternoon
DUBLIN.				
To-day....	Morning	10.54	Afternoon	11.14
To-morrow..	„	11.26	„	11.49
BELFAST.				
To-day....	Morning	10.22	Afternoon	10.38
To-morrow..	„	10.52	„	11.10
QUEENSTOWN.				
To-day....	Morning	4.35	Afternoon	5. 9
To-morrow..	„	5.07	„	5.43

The Irish Times.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1923.

IRELAND.

Statements regarding the National Stud in County Kildare were made yesterday by Lord Wavertree and Mr. P. J. Hogan.—(Page 7.)

Two Free State soldiers—one at the Curragh Camp and one in County Monaghan—were shot dead as the result of quarrels during Thursday night.—(Page 7.)

The Irish railway companies and the trade unions concerned have created machinery which will discuss all disputes and take steps to increase the efficiency of the services.—(Page 8.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen are taking a strike ballot.—(Page 7.)

The Marquis of Hartington gained a victory for the Conservative Party at West Derbyshire.—(Page 7.)

An order will come into force in Great Britain on 24th inst. by which Irish store cattle moved from landing places to premises other than slaughter-houses must be detained for a continuous period of 28 days.—(Page 8.)

ABROAD.

The situation on the North-West Frontier of India is improving.—(Page 7.)

The American liner, Leviathan, went ashore off New York yesterday.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL.

The London Stock Markets were cheerful yesterday, and there was a general rise in prices.—(Page 11.)

Treasury bills went off at a higher rate, and discount quotations were raised. Loanable credits are getting scarcer.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin there was an all-round rally in prices.—(Page 11.)

Germany's Finances.

The names of the three nominees of His Majesty's Government to the two German Commissions were announced yesterday. They will meet with general approval. Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Josiah Stamp, formerly Assistant Secretary to the Board of Inland Revenue, will sit on the major Commission, and Mr. Reginald McKenna will act as British representative on the body which is being charged with the investigation of Germany's capital holdings in foreign countries. Sir John Bradbury made his choice with the utmost care; he consulted not only the Government, but Mr. Asquith and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald. The men who have been chosen, therefore, may be regarded as the representatives of the House of Commons, and this fact will give them a position of very great authority at Paris. In all probability such authority will be needed; for the task which lies before them is extremely formidable. The main Commission will be required to control German finance in every department. It must establish Germany's capacity to pay reparations beyond a doubt, and also must make arrangements for the balancing of the German Budget. The attitude of France is well known, and any attempt to reduce the amount of Germany's total obligation is likely to be resented strongly in Paris. For that reason the choice of the best British representatives was essential, and we are satisfied that it has been made.

The hardest task of all will fall to the lot of Mr. McKenna. There can be no doubt that German nationals have large sums in foreign banks. The mark has been so erratic in its fluctuations during the last two or three years that almost every German business man, particularly those who have been engaged in export trade, has established credits abroad, and now Mr. McKenna and his colleagues must discover where these are and to how much they amount. American financiers estimate that Germany has at least 200,000,000 dollars in the United States. Many Germans have opened accounts quite frankly in various big American banks, but many others have not been so honest. Everybody knows perfectly well, for instance, that Herr Hugo Stinnes has sunk enormous sums of money in America, but his methods have been so clever that a prominent banker has declared their whereabouts to constitute "one of the greatest international puzzles in history." Now that the Allied Commission has been appointed, we may be sure that Herr Stinnes and his friends will be doubly careful to cover up their tracks; and, perhaps, no experts on earth could succeed in the discovery of all their holdings. Even if the Commission is only partially successful, however, it is bound to lay its hands on very considerable sums, and its work will help the major Commission to fix, once and for all, the Reich's total liability.

Time is of the essence of the problem. According to Herr Stresemann, who has accepted the foreign portfolio in Dr. Marx's Cabinet, one-third of Germany's total working population is unemployed. Altogether some three and a half million men are out of work and are being maintained by the State, which gives them an average of 78 pfennigs *per* day. In some of the industrial zones it is estimated that sixty *per cent.* of the inhabitants are in receipt of some form of alms from the central Government. Obviously, with such millstones round its neck, no Government could regulate its finances in Germany's present plight. If the amount of the debt were determined, Dr. Marx might be able to raise a foreign loan and to make individual arrangements with Germany's creditors for a breathing-space. In existing circumstances, however, nothing can be done. The demoralisation of the currency has gone too far to be checked by normal means, and trade is so bad that the outlook seems to be hopeless. For the sake of Europe, therefore, we hope that the new Commissions will get to work without delay and that they will assume complete control of German finance. Half-measures are useless now. The Berlin Government has declared its willingness to lay all its cards on the table, and at last it seems to be in earnest.

The Price of Safety.

The prevalence of foot-and-mouth disease in Great Britain imposes almost daily some new restriction on the Irish cattle trade. Our loss and inconvenience are small, however, when compared with those of the whole agricultural community on the other side of the Irish Sea. The disease has established itself in every part of the country and fresh outbreaks have occurred in districts which had been declared free from infection. In all, nearly fourteen hundred outbreaks have been reported. Although a policy of ruthless slaughter is being followed, the mysterious taint still leaps from county to county. Already some 46,000 cattle, 20,000 sheep and 25,000 pigs have been slaughtered and the bill for compensation amounts to nearly one and a half million pounds. Farmers are only human, and it is not surprising that many of them are becoming impatient of a policy that is at once so costly and, apparently, so futile. On Thursday, at Crewe, a meeting of Cheshire farmers declared, by a majority of votes, that the plan of slaughter had failed, and urged the Government to adopt a policy of isolation and treatment. Rightly, as we think, the Ministry of Agriculture remains inexorable; for all experience has shown that the abandonment of slaughter would be a final admission of defeat and an acceptance of the disease, not in occasional outbreaks, however devastating, but in a chronic form. The policy of slaughter has been in force for the last thirty years, with the result that Great Britain has enjoyed long periods of immunity from the disease. The total cost of slaughter during those years—not more than a million pounds—has represented an annual insurance premium of less than threepence *per* hundred pounds. In countries where slaughter has not been adopted the disease is always present. Holland abandoned slaughter when the expenditure reached half a million, and since that time the annual loss to farmers has been estimated at two and a half millions. In France, where the Government practises isolation and treatment, the farmers lost at least five millions in a recent year. It would be an exceedingly grave matter for the Irish cattle industry if the British Government should allow the disease to become chronic in Great Britain; but there is, fortunately, little prospect that it will adopt that policy of despair. Slaughter is the cheapest course in the long run; and, if strenuous and unceasing efforts are made to discover the causes of the disease and to guard against infection from other countries, the occasions for slaughter may dwindle steadily in the coming years. The British Ministry's theory is that the present outbreak is due to the migration of birds from France, where the disease is now rampant. Expert opinion in Ireland comes, perhaps, nearer to the truth when it attributes the outbreak to the introduction of packing straw and similar material from foreign ports. In this case Irish opinion is entitled to a respectful hearing; for the successful and scientific vigilance of our Department of Agriculture have set an example to the world.

American Communists.

In reply to critics of the United States Government's blunt refusal to recognise the Russian Soviet Mr. Secretary Hughes has produced a startling defence. He has published intercepted instructions from the Soviet Government to the American "Workers' Party" which contain plans for a proletarian revolution in the United States. The aim of the revolution is to "raise the Red Flag over the White House," and the Communist leaders are instructed to conduct an intensive propaganda among the workers in large industries. The members of the party are exhorted also to acquaint themselves with trench work and the use of rifles. Chicherin has telegraphed a denial of these charges from Moscow, but the American Department of Justice vouches for their truth, and it is understood that Mr. Hughes is prepared to support them with further evidence. The American public as a whole is inclined to take the revelations seriously. They seem to have reconciled it to Mr. Hughes's rejection of the Soviet overtures, although "big business" in the United States is anxious to have a hand in the development of Russian trade. In the first place, the Soviet's readiness to make mischief in any part of the world is notorious. In the next place, a very large percentage of the population of the United States is promising material for revolution of any kind. The offscourings of Eastern Europe streamed across the Atlantic during two or three years after the war, and there is a considerable element of Communists in nearly every State of the Republic. The Government is now thoroughly awake to this danger, and the increasingly severe restrictions on immigration are one result of its anxiety.

Uses of Criticism.

In his latter days Swinburne once commented on the contrast between his own mental evolution and that of William Morris. "There," he said, "is Morris, who began as a mediævalist, and now writes songs for Socialists; and here am I, who was denounced for the violence of my early work, and am now the most conservative of Tories." When Swinburne's "Poems and Ballads" appeared in 1866 the *Saturday Review* condemned them in a notice which is said to have fastened an evil reputation on the poet to the end of his days. It was hinted, years ago, that the writer of that notice was a man who subsequently became a friend and admirer of the poet. His identity is now made public by Dr. Edmund Gosse, who explains in *The Times Literary Supplement* that the death of John Morley leaves him free to reveal that Morley was the man. The critic never confessed to his victim, it seems; but in 1867 he made generous amends by giving Swinburne the means to establish his fame as a prose writer. Thus the review which Swinburne so much resented was, in fact, a rare piece of good fortune. It may be, too, that Swinburne's mellowing from his early rawness owed something to Morley's strictures. Criticism never ought to be taken amiss. Cervantes was as cross as a sensitive politician with the critics of the First Part of his "Don Quixote"; but he learnt from them, and the late Dr. Fitzmaurice-Kelly held that the Second Part was immeasurably better in consequence. Criticism often aids; it always advertises; it never kills. Did not Dr. Johnson ask, "What harm does it do a man to call him Holofernes?"

If we once have a Labour Government I do not believe we can ever pull round again; it will be the end of everything.—Mrs. Arthur Webster.

Until the general run of theatre management passes to men of some courage and conscience, there is not much serious hope of betterment.—Mr. John Drinkwater.

LONDON LETTER.

AFGHANISTAN.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
FRIDAY NIGHT.

The situation which has arisen between the Government of India and that of Afghanistan is giving rise to some little anxiety in the India Office here. Outrages have now been taking place for many months past, and the perpetrators seem to find refuge in Afghanistan without difficulty. In times past such happenings have frequently led to a frontier war, expensive and often protracted, with the idea behind it that Afghanistan was the moving spirit and that behind the Amir of that country was Russia. For a century Russia has always been our bugbear on the North-West frontier, and the advent of Bolshevism has made no change. It is still Russia, always intriguing and working for a road to the South. It is this fact that makes the situation so dangerous.

For many months it has been rumoured that the Bolsheviks have been intriguing at the Afghan Court, while they have now obtained possession of virtually all the States bordering on that country. A form of peaceful penetration, with violence to follow, has been the method employed, and, once the Amir allows himself to fall into their hands, his country will soon follow. Afghanistan Russianised, the Khyber Pass would then be the only real barrier between India and the Northern menace. Should such a thing happen—and it is quite possible that it may—Mr. Ramsay Macdonald will be faced, as Prime Minister, with a problem of extreme difficulty. It will be a case of the British Empire against Russian Bolshevism, and it is certain that the Labour chief would not sacrifice the former.

The Last Contest.

The Conservative Party can take a little comfort to itself from the result of the last contest of the general election. The result was declared to-day, and young Lord Hartington won the seat by a majority of 453 over his Liberal opponent. His victory restores a famous name to the Commons. It was in 1857 that the late Duke of Devonshire—then Marquis of Hartington—was first returned for North Lancashire, and, though he changed his constituency several times, he remained a member for thirty-four years, until the death of his father in 1891 transferred him to the Upper House.

Mr. Baldwin's Miscalculation.

There are now 258 Conservatives in the House, against 191 Labour, 158 Liberals and eight Independents. The Government, which on the eve of the election was in a majority of 73 over all other parties, is now in a minority of 99. Yet, strange to say, there is more sorrow than anger in the party over Mr. Baldwin's plunge into the unknown. It is easy to imagine the recrimination that there would have been had either the Liberals or the Labour Party come down such a bump through the miscalculation of their leader.

I hear that the Liberals are anything but happy, and that, although in public, to judge by the proceedings at the National Liberal Club, everything in the garden is lovely, there is much mutual abuse behind the scenes. The leaders, apparently, made up their minds that they were going to do a great deal better than Labour, and are so disgusted at the result that they have been complaining that the local organisers let them down. The latter retort that the leaders are in fault for not having provided a more positive policy to put against Protection and the capital levy. As one of them put it: "We were expected to call two bluffs with no cards in our hands."

Lord Haldane.

I hear, by the way, that it is not now thought likely that Lord Haldane will resume the Woolsack, should there be a Labour Government. One rumour has it that Lord Buckmaster might be induced to help the Labour Party out of a difficulty, while another is to the effect that the Chancellorship may be put into commission among three judges, of whom Mr. Justice Sankey certainly almost would be one.

The Foreign Office.

A second office about which curiosity is rife is the Foreign Secretaryship. Mr. Ramsay Macdonald is usually expected to double this part with the Premiership, as the late Lord Salisbury did in more than one Administration. But Mr. J. H. Thomas is also supposed to have ambitions in this direction, while I have heard a story to the effect that some of the Labour leaders would like to see a Foreign Secretary who is not yet a member of their party, and, oddly enough, is a connection of the present exalted holder of the post.

"Fusion."

In political circles to-day there was a feeling that the advent of a Labour Government is not quite so near as it seemed to be a week ago. No reason is advanced for this idea, but it is probably due to the earnest efforts that are being made by some members of Parliament, Conservative and Liberal, to find a way out of a difficult situation. It would be idle to deny that people are beginning to dislike the idea of placing the resources of the country in the hands of the Labour Party. An enormous amount of harm could be done by mere departmental action, which could not be easily effaced afterwards. The Labour Government, too, could do many things as a body which might commit this country to steps which it would be difficult to repudiate. These possible factors are causing moderate Conservatives and Liberals to take second thoughts about coalition, or, at least, fusion. Once the holidays are over it is possible that there may be developments.

"The Wild Men."

The "wild men" of Scotland are already showing their teeth at Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, and he is plainly told that if he forms a Government, it would be a betrayal of his cause. Why this should be so it is difficult to say, since it would seem that Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, as Prime Minister, ought to be of greater use to his party than Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, the Labour leader. It has been predicted all along, however, that the Labour leaders will have considerable trouble with their followers when the time comes for them to assume power. The extremists want so much more than the leaders can afford to offer, and both sides know this.

Salaries.

Another point which troubles the reputed heads of the Labour Party is the agitation among a section of the party against their acceptance of the usual Ministerial salaries. This seems utterly unreasonable; for Ministers are obliged to incur expenses which could never be met out of the four hundred a year paid to members of the House of Commons. Yet some of the Labour men profess to think that this sum is ample to meet the outgoings of a Minister, who must have a staff around him and live in a reasonable way of life. One person writes to the newspapers to suggest that, if a Labour leader acts up to his profession, he will not dare to accept more than a reasonable living wage. Well, it is often conceded that for the class of men who usually attain Cabinet rank five thousand a year is not over-payment. In fact, we have had refusals recently to take Cabinet rank from men who make much larger incomes in business than they would by acting as Ministers.

AFGHAN MENACE

IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION.

BRITISH WOMEN'S SAFETY.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Friday.

What will be the next move in the disquieting dispute between Great Britain and Afghanistan over the frontier murders? British officials, while insisting that the Ameer's promise to track down the perpetrators of the crime must be kept, deny that any fresh troops are to be sent to the frontier. The forces at the authorities' command in this region are held to be sufficient for safeguarding the positions, and there is no intention of taking fresh steps until it is definitely proved that the Kabul authorities have not been making a genuine attempt to round up the murder gang that is taking refuge in its territory.

Meanwhile the advisability of withdrawing the wives and daughters of British officers from the frontier is not being considered. It is believed in some quarters that the gang of outlaws responsible for recent outrages may attempt a raid on one of the frontier stations in order to capture an Englishwoman. She would then be held as hostage, and the outlaws believe that this would give them a bargaining power with the authorities.

It is felt that the statement issued by M. Tchtcherin to the effect that Great Britain has sent an ultimatum to Afghanistan was an ingenious political move. British officials think that it was a demonstration made to appease the dissentients in the Russian Communist Party who are chafing at the control of the Soviet Old Guard.

Whatever the outcome of the present episode, the future of our relations with Afghanistan remains as a challenging question. The Treaty signed in 1921 expires next year. Apparently there are two views held among the British authorities regarding No Man's Land, now occupied by wandering tribes. One is that Great Britain should exert her authority up to the full limit of territory permitted by the Durand Boundary Line. The second is that we should draw back from the positions which we now occupy.

FULL PROTECTION.

RESTRICTION OF WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS.

The India Office issued the following last night:—"Some expressions of anxiety have appeared in the Press as to the safety of British women residing in the various stations in the North-West Frontier Province. It appears desirable to state that special warnings have been issued to local authorities by the Government of India as to the necessity of adequate measures of protection.

"In reply to inquiries, the local authorities report that outside the larger centres of Dera, Ismail, Khan, Kohat, and Peshawar, British officers' wives are resident only at Tank Bannu, Hangu, Molakand, and Maasehraj. At such stations special measures are taken, such as the provision of wired perimeters, electrically lit, and held by military and constabulary.

"Special guards are placed on bungalows at night. Movements of women and children are restricted as far as possible to the cantonments, and escorts are provided for Europeans proceeding beyond these limits.

"Similar precautions are taken in larger centres within range of the raiders, and a special guard has also been arranged for the protection of soldiers' wives at Cherat. The military and civil authorities are satisfied that the continued residence of ladies at these places is not a matter for apprehension."

MILITARY POSITION.

MAHSUDS SEEKING TERMS.

Reuter is informed that although there is constant communication between Kabul and London, nothing has developed that has necessitated the British Minister to Afghanistan, Colonel Humphreys, telegraphing since Tuesday. There have been no developments beyond the fact that the withdrawal of European ladies from Kabul as a preliminary step has made a considerable impression in the Afghan capital.

According to views expressed by those in close touch with the North-West frontier, it is a mistake to suppose that the military position there has become worse as a result of recent events. It is declared that what is happening in Afghanistan does not affect in a military sense the situation on the frontier, and is effecting no alteration whatever in our military arrangements.

Rather than becoming worse, the latest official news from the frontier is that in the worst spot—namely, Waziristan, which has been a source of trouble for years, there is a very material improvement as a result of road construction, which is in progress, and the existence of a mobile force at Razmakwh that dominates the heart of the Madsud country.

The result is that practically all sections of the Mahsud tribe have come to terms with us. There are, of course, still some bands of outlaws, among whom are men responsible for many of the outrages that have been committed. Even with regard to these, the latest information is that one of the worst offenders is talking of coming to terms.

Any signs of co-operation between ourselves and the Ameer will have a very important effect on the frontier.

As regards the movements of Afghan troops in the Jalalabad region, it is hardly possible that this force can yet have reached the supposed hiding place of the murderers who are being sought.

TRAWLER FOUNDERS.

NINE LIVES LOST.

Last night it became known that the Hull trawler, Wren, was overwhelmed in a gale on Tuesday in the North Sea, and sank with all hands, numbering nine. Owing to terrific seas and a blinding snowstorm other vessels were unable to effect a rescue.

Last evening the fishing vessel, Flow, landed at Grimsby the crew of the Norwegian steamer, Raven, which sank in the North Sea on Thursday. The Raven left Blyth on Monday with coal for Bergen, and in rough weather on the following day started to leak. In response to signals of distress, the Flow took off her crew.

THE LAST RESULT.

CONSERVATIVE GAIN IN WEST DERBYSHIRE.

With the Conservative gain at West Derbyshire yesterday, the final state of parties in the new House of Commons is as follows:—

Conservatives	258
Labour	192
Liberals	157
Others	8

A heavy snowstorm was in progress when the returning officer announced the West Derbyshire result from a window at the Bakewell Town Hall as follows:—

"Marquis of Hartington, 13,419; Mallison, 12,966. Majority for Lord Hartington, 453."

So loud was the cheering that neither Lord Hartington nor Mr. Mallison was able to address the crowd. Eventually the Marquis and Marchioness, who were accompanied by their children, left in a motor car for Chatsworth. Mr. Mallison was carried shoulder high to the Liberal Club, where he announced he would fight again.

THE POPE AND GERMANY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Friday.

The Pope has ordered his representatives in North and South America to form local Committees to collect wheat and garments for Russian relief this winter.

IRISH PEERS IN THE LORDS.

WILL THE VACANCIES BE FILLED?

LORD CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENT.

The new edition of *Debrett's Peerage* calls attention to the position of the Irish representative Peers since the establishment of the Free State. It is remarked that these peers—28 in number—continue to receive writs of summons to the Imperial Parliament, but there is some doubt as to whether vacancies in their ranks will be filled. Hitherto on the vacation of a seat a new representative peer was elected by the suffrages of the other Irish Peers.

That the question of future procedure is one of some difficulty and doubt is apparent from the following letter which the *Irish Times* has received from the secretary to the Lord Chancellor (Viscount Cave) in reply to a request for authoritative information on the subject:—

"I am directed by the Lord Chancellor to state that his lordship regrets that he does not consider himself justified in expressing an opinion on a point which may have to be determined by the proper authorities."

ARMED ROBBERIES IN DUBLIN.

LAST NIGHT'S EXPLOITS.

RAID AT KILLESTER.

Armed robbers were again active in Dublin last night.

Two young men, who wore masks and carried revolvers, entered the Killester Cash Stores, Killester, at about 7 o'clock. Having stolen £20 from the cash register, they walked out of the shop and had got away before the alarm could be given.

Denis Collins, of 15 Braithwaite street, an employé of Messrs. Guinness, was the victim of an armed robbery in Belle Vue avenue. When returning home from his work last night he was accosted by two young men in the avenue. One of them levelled a revolver at him, while the other searched his pockets and took from one of them a sum of £8.

When Lazarus Friedberg, a marine store dealer, was in his shop at 84 Townsend street last evening, three men entered and ordered him to put up his hands. At the same time one of them presented a revolver at him. The other two made for the cash box, from which they took £3. They also seized an overcoat which was lying in the shop, and then went quickly away.

While the driver of a delivery van, the property of Mr. Clahane, provision dealer, Drumcondra, was delivering groceries last night in Iona road, he was stopped by a party of young men, all of whom carried revolvers. Ordering him away from the vehicle, they took possession of it, and drove towards Glasnevin. When the van was subsequently discovered in that neighbourhood the entire consignment of groceries which it had contained had disappeared.

THE KILDARE MURDER.

DISCOVERIES IN AN UNOCCUPIED HOUSE.

The vigilance of the Civic Guard, who, under the direction of Chief Superintendent Maher and Inspector Kelly, have been inquiring into the murder of Private Patrick Bergin, whose body was found in the canal at Milltown, Co. Kildare, a week ago, has resulted in the discovery of the actual scene of the murder.

Private Bergin, who was a military policeman at the Curragh, left there to go to Dublin in order to purchase a motor bicycle. He rode a bicycle in the direction of Kildare, and is believed to have had a fairly large sum of money in his possession. On the following morning his body was found in the canal. There were several bullet wounds in the head, and it is believed that after the murder his body was carried in a motor car to the bridge at Milltown and flung into the canal.

What is believed to be the scene of the shooting is an unoccupied house at Guidenstown, standing on the farm of Mr. Patrick Ennis. It is a substantial two-storey building, which has been unoccupied for a considerable time. It is within about 250 yards of the road which runs from Thomastown Cross to Milltown, where the body was found.

When an *Irish Times* reporter visited the house yesterday he saw that the Civic Guard had been active within it. Portion of a table on which there were blood smears had been sawn off, and taken away to the barrack. Blood marks were pointed out in the kitchen and in one of the rooms, and there were other indications that a brutal crime had been committed there.

The guard have taken wax impressions of the wheel tracks of a motor car near the house and at some points on the long stretch of road between Kildare and Rathangan.

Statements concerning the movements of a suspected motor car on the night of the murder have been got from people who live in the locality.

So far the guard, who have been pursuing inquiries into the crime, have not succeeded in finding the missing boots, socks, overcoat and bicycle of the murdered soldier. The canal at Milltown and Newbridge, and as far away as Gigginstown, near Naas, has been dragged, without result.

A thorough search of the surrounding townlands has also been made, and no effort is being spared to trace the murderers.

TROUBLED GREECE.

M. VENIZELOS ASKED TO RETURN.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ATHENS, Friday.

Admiral Condouriotis, the Regent, has been installed in the Royal Palace, and, after being sworn in last evening, is now signing all decrees, etc., in the name of the King.

The political outlook, meanwhile, remains very uncertain, and the Republicans are conducting a violent campaign against M. Gonatas, the President of the Chamber, whose dismissal from office is also demanded by General Pangalos.

There is a growing demand for the recall of M. Venizelos, supported insistently by the Army officers, it being urged that the ex-Premier is the only politician who can extricate the country from its present troubles.

It was yesterday decided to send a delegation to Paris with a letter from Colonel Plastiras, requesting M. Venizelos to return and form a Government.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Cinderella," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"The Dop Doctor," 6.45 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"A Doll's House," 2.30 and 8.15.
Metropole Cinema—"The Christian," 2, 4.20, 6.30, and 8.45 p.m.
Grafton Picture House—"Salome," 1 to 10.30 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Her Mad Bargain."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"The Cricket on the Hearth," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.
Princess, Rathmines—"Fool's Paradise."

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER SOLD.

NEW YORK, Friday.

Mr. Cyrus H. K. Curtis, of Philadelphia, the head of the Curtis Publishing Company, has purchased the *New York Evening Post*.—(Reuter.)

RAILWAY PEACE.

SCHEME TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES.

A NOTABLE ADVANCE.

It was announced yesterday that the Irish railway companies and the three trade unions concerned have arranged for the establishment of committees which will settle disputes by negotiation, and discuss questions relating to the more efficient working of the railways.

Senator J. T. O'Farrell, Irish Secretary of the Railway Clerks' Association, in the course of an interview with an *Irish Times* representative yesterday, said:—

"Arising out of the numerous disputes which threatened the Irish railways on the cessation of State control came the proposals of the companies to reduce rates of pay and disimprove conditions of service. The companies and the three railway trade unions were soon brought to realise that some sort of improved negotiating machinery should be established in order to avoid, as far as possible, sporadic strikes, arising in many instances out of misunderstandings and petty disputes, that might be settled if there were a proper medium of communication in existence.

"Just a year ago trouble threatened on the railways through the companies' proposals for disimproving the conditions of service. The Free State Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Northern Minister for Labour intervened at the last moment, when a strike or lock-out seemed inevitable, and a settlement was arrived at whereby existing conditions remained undisturbed, pending the setting up of new negotiating machinery, agreed to by the companies and the men."

"The negotiations," he continued, "were protracted, and the scheme which has finally been evolved is extremely interesting and comprehnsive in character.

"It is of interest to note that the scheme is national in its scope, embracing the whole of the Irish railways, and taking no cognisance of the political boundary. The railway trade unions have time and again declared that the nation-wide organisation must continue, and that different conditions of service will not be allowed to obtain in the two parts of Ireland. To this the companies agreed, and hence this great public service is at present being worked as if no division of a political character existed."

THE SCHEME IN DETAIL.

"The scheme provides that in any department or *dépôt* in which the regular employés exceed sixty there shall be a departmental committee comprising three elected representatives of the staff and an equal number on the company's side. These committees will deal with matters affecting the particular department involved, such as the arrangement of working hours, questions affecting physical welfare, safety appliances, etc., holiday arrangements, improvements in methods of organising work, labour-saving appliances, safe transit, etc."

"For every company there shall be set up not more than four sectional councils, whose activities shall cover the whole company. There shall be one Council for the clerical and supervisory grades; one for the traffic department (operative grades); one for the locomotive department, and one for the permanent way department. There shall be an equal number of representatives on both sides, those representing the employés being elected, and each side shall have the right to appoint as secretary an additional member, who may be a trade union official, or on the company's side an officer of the company.

"The functions of these Councils are very wide and varied, dealing as they do with the local application of national agreements so far as individual companies are concerned. Suggestions as to operating, working and kindred subjects, co-operation with a view to securing increased business, greater efficiency and economy, the well-being of the staff, general principles governing recruitment and tenure of service.

"These councils may deal with appeals from the departmental committee, but neither body has a right to introduce new rates of pay or hours of duty. These matters are relegated to the Central Wages Board, which is comprised of seven representatives of the company and seven nominees of the three railway trade unions—three from the National Union of Railwaymen, two from the Amalgamated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and two from the Railway Clerks' Association."

Any matter upon which any individual union and a company fail to agree may be brought on appeal by either side to this Board.

Should they fail to agree again, there is a further appeal to the Irish Railway Wages Board. This Board has upon it representatives of the users of the railways, one nominated by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, one by the Belfast Chamber of Commerce, two by the Irish Trades Union Congress (one from the Free State and one from Northern Ireland), and an independent chairman, who shall have held a judicial appointment or have been a member of the Inner Bar for not less than five years. The companies shall have six representatives and the three trade unions two each.

A MONTH'S GRACE.

"The Board shall, within 28 days of any matter being referred to it, report the result of its investigations.

"Meanwhile, no withdrawal of labour or lock-out shall take place, nor shall any alteration of existing conditions be enforced."

"It is interesting to note," continued Senator O'Farrell, "that the functions of this Board shall not be absolutely binding on either side, as the workers distinctly object to compulsory arbitration, but it is realised that, as in the case of Great Britain, the findings of such a Board cannot be lightly ignored by either side.

"The party seeking to precipitate trouble in opposition to the findings of the Irish Railway Wages Board will have to face a very hostile public opinion, and must also look for a good deal of weakening amongst those on their own side.

"So far the findings of a similar Board in England have been accepted by each side, and trouble has been thereby avoided.

"The new machinery does not in any way propose to replace the existing trade union machinery, as, indeed, it is only through the trade unions that the new councils can be worked at all. But, giving, as it does, a more direct voice to the rank and file of the members, and bringing them into closer contact with the companies, this is bound to have a far-reaching and beneficial effect on the railway service as a whole.

"It will enable many misunderstandings to be cleared away, and will enable the experience and intelligence of the staff to be placed at the disposal of the management, and utilised towards the greater efficiency of the service as a whole.

"The decision not to confine the activities of the new Council to mere questions of pay and conditions of service is a great advance on anything that has hitherto obtained in the railways. It is believed by all sides that this departure will mark a considerable stride forward in bringing the railway service to a higher state of efficiency, and, at the same time, enable considerable economies to be effected by the introduction of labour-saving devices, better disposition of the available staff and locomotive power.

"The elections for the sectional councils are now in progress, and will be declared in the first week of January, when the scheme will be in full operation."

A MANAGER'S VIEW.

"The document to which you refer," said Mr. M. F. Keogh, Manager of the Midland Great Western Railway Company, to an *Irish Times* representative, "is the result of negotiations mutually satisfactory to the railway companies and the representatives of the men. It is quite clear and speaks for itself. It is expected to bring about a continuance of peace, and is not in any sense a party document."

Mr. James Bermingham, Irish Secretary to the National Union of Railwaymen, when interviewed by an *Irish Times* reporter, said: "The scheme is not one which requires, nor has it received, the sanction of the Government. It is a matter of arrangement between the companies and the trade unions, setting up machinery for the purpose of obviating labour trouble. We hope that the new scheme will help to obviate any further trouble. No doubt, in case of difficulty the Government would be called in to advise, but the scheme, as framed, is intended to be a means of negotiation between the companies and the men."

NATIONAL STUD.

"ARRANGEMENTS NOT COMPLETED."

—*MR. P. J. HOGAN.*

LORD WAVERTREE'S STATEMENT.

"PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND."

"The National Stud is the property of the people of England and like any other property in Ireland owned by private individuals."

This telegraphed statement was received by the *Irish Times* yesterday from Lord Wavertree, the donor of the National Stud, concerning the future of the establishment at Tully, County Kildare.

Our Special Racing Correspondent in England yesterday pointed out that there was no direct official denial of the statement that negotiations were proceeding between the British Ministry of Agriculture and the Irish Free State Government as to the future of the establishment, and a statement issued last night by the Free State Minister for Agriculture would seem to support this view.

"Final arrangements," says Mr. Hogan, "in regard to the National Stud have not yet been completed, and there is no foundation whatever for the rumour regarding the National Stud that has appeared in the Press."

It is not clear to which rumour Mr. Hogan refers—there have been several—but it was suggested in some quarters that the horses might be transferred to England and the Stud lands sold to the Free State Government.

THE *IRISH TIMES* will be Published on Monday, as usual, but will *NOT* be issued on Christmas Day or St. Stephen's Day.

MIXED CHRISTMAS WEATHER.

MILDER IN IRELAND, BUT SNOW IN ENGLAND.

While the forecast issued last night suggests that the weather in Ireland will be "temporarily milder than of late"—it incidentally promises "some rain," but it is well to point out that the adjective is used in its Shakespearean and not its modern American sense—Great Britain and France are experiencing severe conditions. Snow fell in London and many parts of England—including Derbyshire—yesterday. France, too, is preparing for a real wintry Christmas.

Our Paris Correspondent telegraphed last night that snow was falling there, and that the centre and South of France are under snow.

At Marseilles an icy wind blows from the mountains, which are swept by violent snowstorms.

A telegram from Aurillac reports very low temperature, and the blocking of the mountain roads by heavy snowfalls.

On the other hand, passengers on the Majestic landed at Cherbourg yesterday report remarkably mild weather during the passage from New York. One of them said that they might have been following the Gulf Stream all the way.

POLICE PAY.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The report in the *Irish Times* yesterday that the heads of the Civic Guard and of the Dublin Metropolitan Police had received intimation from the Ministry of Finance that their pay and the pay of the rank and file will be reduced by 10 per cent. as from 1st of January next is stated by the Free State Publicity Department to be "incorrect," but it is admitted that the "police rates of pay are under consideration."

In so far as our statement referred to the Civic Guard, the official head of that body informs us that no intimation as to a "cut" has reached him.

The terms of the proposed "cut," however, have been discussed by the Dublin Metropolitan Police at meetings of the representative bodies of the various ranks. These meetings took place on Thursday and yesterday.

WEI HAI WEI'S FUTURE.

DEADLOCK IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN.

FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Friday.

There is a deadlock in the negotiations over the return of Wei Hai Wei to China.

The latest suggestions put forward by the Chinese Government are not acceptable to Great Britain, and the latter is, for the time being, withholding the return of the territory which was agreed upon at the Washington Conference at the same time as Japan agreed to surrender Tsing Tao.

In the draft agreement, the British Government proposed to give back the full sovereignty of the Island of Li Hung Tao to China. In exchange, China was willing to allow the British Navy the use of anchorage. The island was to be maintained as a naval base, under the control of the Chinese Navy.

China is now seeking further concessions, and discussions between the British Minister at Peking and Dr. Wellington Koo have failed to bring about an agreement.

HANOVER OUTRAGE.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

A Hanover despatch reports that a powerful bomb was exploded this evening on the steps of the Government Building, in which Herr Noske, the Ober President, lives. All the windows and doors in front of the building were blown out. No one was injured. Details are lacking.—(Reuter.)

STREET COLLECTIONS.

NEW REGULATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

The *Belfast Gazette* of last night contains regulations regarding the collection of money in public places. The regulations state that no collection of money, other than a collection taken at an open-air religious meeting, or sale of any article for the benefit of charitable or other purposes, shall be made in any street or public place in any part of Northern Ireland, unless the person, society, committee, or other body of persons responsible for such collection or sale shall have obtained a permit from the Commissioner of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or the county borough, or the County Inspector of the Royal Ulster Constabulary of the county, in which it is proposed to make such collection or sale. No person under 18 years of age is permitted to act as a collector, and statements of account must be submitted, in a prescribed form, to the police authorities who grant the permits.

SHOT DEAD.

FATE OF TWO FREE STATE SOLDIERS.

INDISCIPLINE AND DRINK.

At Ponsonby Barrack, Curragh Camp, Corporal Johnson was shot dead while lying in bed at 10 o'clock on Thursday night.

Private Patrick Killoran, a native of Sligo, and a comrade of the dead soldier, is in custody, charged with murder.

The information available in connection with the affair goes to show that Killoran and some friends were in Newbridge on Thursday night. Having had some drink there, they went to the Curragh by way of the "Stand House." It has been ascertained that they had some more drink in that publichouse, and purchased some whiskey to take away with them. The party arrived back in barracks at about 10 o'clock, having consumed some of the whiskey on the way.

Shortly after their return a dispute is said to have arisen between Killoran and some other soldiers. Killoran hurriedly left the room, and returning a little later with a rifle asked: "Where is that —— Scotchman!" Corporal Johnson, who is a Scotsman, was lying in bed, and Killoran, levelling his rifle at him, is alleged to have fired. The bullet entered Johnson's throat—severing important arteries in the neck—and made its exit at the back of the head.

Considerable confusion followed. Killoran was seized by some of his comrades, while others rushed to Corporal Johnson and found him unconscious. He died within a couple of minutes.

The Civic Guards at Newbridge were informed, and yesterday Killoran was handed over to them and removed to Newbridge Station. Later he was conveyed under a strong escort of Civic Guards to Naas.

The accused man is apparently about 26 years of age. He seemed to be in a dazed condition.

An inquest on Corporal Johnson will take place to-day.

A MONAGHAN CASE.

PRIVATE SOLDIER SHOT.

Our Monaghan Correspondent writes that a shooting affair occurred at Monaghan military barrack on Thursday night, and resulted in the death of Private Fitzgerald, a native of Cork.

It was pay day. Some of the men had been drinking, and were going about the town shouting. Five of them came to the barrack, and in the square in front of it they appear to have had words with two members of the military police on duty, and, in order to frighten them, Private Graham, a native of Clones, drew his revolver. Private Fitzgerald grasped the hand in which the revolver was. In the struggle which ensued the revolver went off, and Fitzgerald was shot through the heart, death being instantaneous.

Private Fitzgerald served in the British Army during the Great War, and was a prisoner in Germany. He was about 28 years of age. He leaves a widow and two children.

At the inquest last evening, before Mr. Patrick Whelan, Coroner, Lieutenant Thomas Patrick Leyland identified the remains as those of Private James Fitzgerald.

He said that at about 10 o'clock on Thursday night he got a report that there was a soldier drunk on the street, and he went out to investigate the matter. Returning to the barrack he got another report that there was a man shot at the barrack.

Lieutenant Peter Bishop, also stationed at Monaghan, stated that at 8.30 o'clock on Thursday night Policeman Graham, of the Military Police, made a complaint that he was interfered with in the discharge of his duty by four soldiers. Witness went with him to identify the men. He went to the end of Park street, and on his way back he saw four soldiers, who were singing and shouting. They were under the influence of drink, but not drunk. They had their hands in their pockets and their great-coats opened, which was against military orders.

Continuing, the witness said that the men passed him without saluting. He turned after them and asked them were they the men who obstructed the police in the discharge of their duty. Private Fitzgerald (the deceased) said, "Do you accuse me of that?" Witness said, "Answer the question," and Fitzgerald said, "Do you want to tie me up against the rails?" He meant the rails at the priest's house. Fitzgerald also told the officer that he was not a policeman and could not interfere with him.

Superintendent Murphy—And you an officer! Nice discipline that!

The officer further said that he did not want to arrest them then, to create a scene in the street. The men shouted that they did not care a damn about any officer in the barrack, and started to sing "We are the boys from Cork," and cheered. He went back and took action at the barrack.

During this evidence Private Graham, the accused man, was in court.

Private McRory corroborated the previous evidence, and said that afterwards he and Private Graham went out and met the men again, who followed them to the barrack. Thinking that they were going to enter they stood aside to let them pass in. Fitzgerald came up and asked: "Is it us you are looking for?" and witness had not time to answer when he struck him on the forehead. Witness stood back and called on the guard. Three of them threw off their coats; Fitzgerald made for Private Graham, and the other two for him. A shot went off, and, looking towards Private Graham, he saw Fitzgerald falling, and heard him say: "I am shot." Witness took the revolver from Graham and handed it to the Sergeant of the Guard. He was beaten in the guardroom about the head and face. Quartermaster-Sergeant Byrne, who was in charge of the barracks at the time, was the first man who struck him. Witness was then put in the cell, and a few minutes later Private Graham was flung in. Sergeant-Major Driscoll came along then and beat both of them in the cell.

Commandant Crean said that the military police were entitled to carry revolvers.

Private Charles Colligan, the sentry, said that he had given orders for the gate to be opened, and the four soldiers were about to pass through when the two policemen suddenly stepped from behind a wagon. McRory tapped Fitzgerald on the shoulder and ordered him into the barrack. He saw Fitzgerald throw off his coat, and then a shot was fired. He asked who shot him, and Graham said: "I fired the shot; I did not do it wilfully."

A juror said that the witness seemed to be holding back something.

Mr Keenan said that the case was that Fitzgerald sought to get possession of the revolver, and in the struggle it went off.

The jury found that Fitzgerald died from gunshot wounds, and that there was no direct evidence as to who fired the shot.

The Coroner said that drink and indiscipline were pretty rife on the occasion.

AMERICAN MAILS.

PROBLEM OF DEALING WITH PARCELS.

In connection with comments which have recently appeared in the Press regarding the arrangements under which parcels from the United States of America for the South and West of Ireland, which usually arrive at Queenstown on Sundays, are brought to Dublin for disposal, the Post Office states that the question of having the parcels dealt with at Queenstown has been under consideration on more than one occasion during the past few months.

From the official standpoint it is much more convenient and economical to have all foreign parcels dealt with in Dublin, where adequate accommodation, as well as the requisite Post Office and Customs staffs are normally available, and whence the parcels can be forwarded to all parts in direct mails which are regularly in existence.

The transfer of the work to the Queenstown Post Office would involve the setting up there of special and elaborate mail arrangements for one or two days in the week, which would not be justified. The Department is, however, considering whether it would not be practicable to have parcels from the United States, for the South and West, dealt with in Cork instead of in Dublin, and if this prove feasible a proportion of the parcels will secure delivery on the day after arrival in Ireland, and the great bulk, if not the whole of them, on the second day after.

MAN WHO CUTS RED TAPE.

INQUIRY INTO GERMANY'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

AMERICAN GENERAL AS CHAIRMAN.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Friday.

There was a full sitting of the Reparations Commission to-day, when it was expected that invitations would be issued to the financial authorities nominated to serve as members of the two experts' committees. The business did not go so far, however, and, if at first impression of a hitch was created, it is explained this evening that the delay is due only to the desire that the invitations to all the European delegates should be sent simultaneously.

The Commission approved the choice of General Charles Dawes and Mr. Owen D. Young, for America, and they are being invited by telegraph, in order that they may be here when the Committee on German Finances is definitely constituted.

It is not yet known whether the United States will be represented on the second committee, which is to examine into the exports of German capital abroad.

[According to a Reuter message from Paris, the Commission decided to invite General Dawes to accept the presidency of the first committee.]

The German request to the Commission to grant priority over Reparations payments for a loan of £14,000,000 to buy breadstuffs and fats abroad was discussed, and the German Note was referred to the Allied Governments, and the Guarantees Committee was asked to prepare a report, with as little delay as possible, on conditions in Germany in regard to bread, cereals and fats.

FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Friday.

The invitation to General Dawes to accept the Presidency of the Committee of Experts to inquire into Germany's financial position is an indication of the high value set on American co-operation in this inquiry.

General Dawes has the reputation of a man who takes the shortest possible road to any goal he has in mind. He embodies the American ideals of quickness and efficiency, and, according to one of his admirers, keeps a very sharp pair of scissors to cut through red tape entanglements.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

GERMAN FINANCE.

A HOPEFUL EVENT.

The Times in a leading article says:—By far the most important and most hopeful event in the present turmoil of European affairs is the constitution under the Reparation Commission of two Committees of Inquiry into German finance. The great difficulty lies in the indefinite character of German resources. Can Germany count on the Ruhr and the Rhineland in her financial estimates or can she not? Does France want permanent extension of her own direct territorial control or does she want reparations from the German State, the frontiers of which were laid down in the Treaty? All these troublesome questions are in suspense and hang like an oppressive mist over Europe.

The great advantage of the new Committees is that they can approach them from a new angle without any political prepossessions. They have to deal only with the financial facts, and their highly authoritative decision on the really essential points will lighten the darkness and provide sound guidance for bewildered politicians. It is most important that there should be no further delay in getting the Committees to work.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY.

DOING MORE THAN USUAL.

The Times, in a leading article on "Demands and Appeals," after commenting upon the difficulty of giving in these days, refers to the generous character of the British race, and says:—They do try to supplement by their own private contributions, and to an extent which no other country approaches, the efforts of the Government, also unequalled in the rest of the world, to minister relief and bring some added measure of health and happiness into the lives of the more unfortunate of their fellow-beings who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate. But that does not mean that as a community, and as individuals, they cannot do more. There are without doubt large numbers of people in England who could help in the work of organised relief, and do not. It ought not, for instance, to be possible that hospitals should be obliged to close any of their beds owing to lack of funds. If the spirit of Christmas is a spirit of overflowing charity and kindness to those in need, the sufferings of poverty-stricken and lonely old men and women, of shoeless, ragged, shivering, hungry children, ought not, at all events in this coming week, to be left unrelieved.

From all those who spend their lives in helping them comes the same story—that this year, owing to widespread unemployment, their need is greater than ever. If each of our readers, in spite of the heavy burden of rates and taxes and other necessary expenses which they have to bear, would send a gift in money or kind to one only of the numerous bodies which make their appeal through our columns, then this Christmastide might be made a time of real happiness for a few short days to thousands and thousands for whom it can otherwise hold out no prospect but dreariness and want.

PICTURES BY TELEGRAPH.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

The Paris Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—A number of offices will be opened experimentally in Paris on and after January 1 for the transmission of photo-telegraphic messages by the system invented by M. Edouard Belin to Lyons and Strasbourg. By this service, plans, pictures, models, texts of written and printed documents will be transmitted, and exact reproductions of the originals will be delivered to the person to whom they are addressed. Thus, residents in Paris will be able to telegraph their portraits to their friends in Lyons and Strasbourg.

The cost of these photo-telegrams will vary from 2s. 6d. to 5s., according to the dimensions of the document or picture to be transmitted.

FLOOD HAVOC IN INDIA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ALLAHABAD, Friday.

Unprecedented floods are reported from the town of Tinnevelli, in Madras, where the river has overflown its banks and inundated a wide tract of country. Some 5,000 houses collapsed, and 10,000 people are homeless.

WANTED, 250,000 HALF-CROWNS.

Attention is directed to the announcement which appears in our advertising columns of an immediate campaign to raise 250,000 half-crowns during the coming year to assist the funds of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital. This institution, which serves one of the poorest parts of Dublin, is at the moment heavily in debt, and unless considerable assistance is forthcoming within the year the hospital may be obliged to curtail its services by reducing the number of beds available for the treatment of the sick poor. In addition to a direct appeal for 250,000 half-crowns, it is proposed to hold a fête during the coming summer to assist the project.

LINER STUCK IN THE MUD.

20 TUGS FAIL TO MOVE LEVIATHIAN.

REFLOATED

AFTER PASSENGERS HAD BEEN TAKEN OFF.

The Leviathan, which hoped to break the record on her voyage from Cherbourg, grounded in a fog in New York Harbour yesterday within a few miles of her docking berth, where a crowd had already gathered to greet incoming friends and relatives.

All available tugs were immediately ordered to assist her, but the efforts of twenty tugs failed to move her until the evening tide. She was refloated at 5.15 p.m., after most of the 800 passengers had been landed by ferry boats and tugs. She then proceeded through the dusk to her pier.

ABOARD THE LEVIATHAN

HOW THE LINER WENT AGROUND.

ASHORE IN NEW YORK HARBOUR, Friday, 2 p.m.

The sea was calm when the giant liner, the queen of the United States Merchant Marine, went aground, with 800 passengers on board, and rumours of possible danger were speedily quelled.

The liner was going very slowly when it struck, and the vessel slid into the mud so quietly that the passengers were not aware of the accident until the harbour tugs and revenue cutters, carrying the heads of the United States lines and Government officials, broke through the fog in answer to the wireless calls that were sent out by the captain. There was, however, some uneasiness in the steerage, for the churning of the screws, in a futile effort to release the ship, caused the whole stem to vibrate violently.

Captain Hartley stated that the ship was resting easily, with her nose plunged seven feet into a mudbank, which at this spot rises sharply from the channel bed.

The moment the news of the grounding was known a crowd of small craft hastened to the scene, their skippers scenting good business. When the general manager of the line reached the stranded liner, forty-five minutes after the accident, his first act was to order ten more tugs from among those to come alongside, so that in all twenty tugs were pulling, pushing, and nosing at the fifty-thousand tonner.

All their efforts were, however, unavailing.

Shortly after the vessel struck, the fog began to lift, and the passengers—who took the experience light-heartedly, lining the rails to watch the frantic efforts of the score of fussy little tug boats—were much cheered by an announcement which was made that anyone wishing to catch trains would be taken off in ferry boats.—(Press Association Foreign Special)

Later.

The Leviathan was refloated at 5.15 this afternoon.—(Reuter.)

SCENE ON THE PIER.

When the ferry boat President Roosevelt had landed its quota of the Leviathan passengers, their friends awaiting them ashore, who are estimated to have numbered a thousand persons, tried to rush the pier. They had to be restrained by the police. The latter, however, did not have to resort to violence.—(Reuter.)

SHANBALLY CASTLE.

MR. DE VALERA'S OCCUPATION OF IT RECALLED.

At the Clonmel Quarter Sessions, before Judge Sealy, K.C., a claim was made for £181 13s. 9d., for the occupation of Shanbally Castle by Republicans.

Mr. Seymour said that he lived three miles from the castle, and on August 1st he found irregulars in occupation of the castle. Only two servants lived there at the time. He met an irregular leader, who told him that the castle had been taken over by the I.R.A., and that it might be necessary to take over the whole demesne. The witness asked by what authority, but got no satisfaction. At one time 200 men were in the place, and the butler had to wait on them. The wine cellar was broken into, and a quantity of wine taken.

Mr. Fraser, the gardener, said that vegetables and fruit were taken, and a few pounds of tomatoes, gooseberries and strawberries were taken, the man who took them saying that they were for President de Valera.

His Honour—Were these delicacies only taken when Mr. de Valera was there? Yes. (Laughter.)

His Honour reported for £85.

IRISH-MADE GOODS.

PLEDGE FOR SHOP ASSISTANTS.

"*I hereby promise to do my utmost to sell an Irish-made article on every possible occasion (when not detrimental to my employers' interests), and to do all in my power to promote the objects of the (Shop Assistants' Irish Industrial) League, for the sole purpose of upraising the industries of Ireland.*"

A circular, issued by the Dublin Industrial Development Association and the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks, has been received by every Irish shop assistant who is a member of the union, with a request that he should subscribe to the pledge given above, which was taken 25 years ago by the pioneers of the union.

"If you, and every man and woman you can influence," the circular states, "would henceforward make a firm resolve, and honour it, to sell or buy only an Irish-made article when that was possible, this misery of unemployment could be stamped out for the present at any rate. You are selling goods to the public; and they must, in the nature of things, place themselves largely in your hands. Sell them Irish-made goods every time you can, and, if the customer is indifferent, say a good word for the Irish article."

BELFAST'S NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

The new Education Committee for Belfast has appointed Professor Major Rupert Stanley, LL.D., to be Director of Education for the city. Major Stanley is Director of Technical Instruction and Principal of the Municipal College of Technology. The Technical Committee has approved the proposal, and the appointment has been made subject to the approval of the Corporation, as the education authority, and of the Ministry of Education.

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THE POST OFFICE.

GOVERNMENT'S LATEST PROPOSALS.

REJECTED BY UNION.

The National Executive of the Post Office Workers' Union issued a statement last night to the effect that they had under consideration the recent statement in the Dail of the Postmaster-General outlining the Government's attitude towards the report of the Douglas Commission. The proposals of the Government were found wholly unacceptable, and it was unanimously decided to reject them, and to press for the adoption of the Commission's report.

At any time postal workers would regard the Government's proposals as hostile and reactionary, but doubly so when they are in defiance of the unanimous findings of a Commission set up by the Government, and on which Government interests were adequately represented.

"It augurs ill for contentment in the Saorstat postal service if the Government, having set up a jury, rejects the verdict. It also augurs ill for industrial peace in Ireland if the Government repudiates the pledge implied in arbitration. Employer and employé will have a pretty example when the Minister for Industry and Commerce urges them to settle their differences by arbitration."

The statement says that public opinion had generally recognised that postal workers were an ill-paid body, and when in the beginning of last year the Union Executive met the Postmaster-General he admitted that he knew "the Post Office staff to be badly paid," and he promised a Commission "in the near future" to go into the matter.

A few months later the Executive, alarmed at the economic state to which a wages "cut" threatened in March, 1922, would reduce the staff, again met the Postmaster-General. The seriousness of the situation was pointed out, and it was urged that, pending the result of the promised Commission, no reduction should take place. Nothing could be gained, however, except a repetition of the promise of a Commission in the near future. The Union continued active agitation, and eventually the Government agreed to set up immediately a Commission, whose first task would be to ascertain the capacity of the postal staff to bear the threatened "cut."

The Commission was as follows:—Two nominees of the Government—Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Henry Friel; two nominees of the Labour Party—Mr. T. J. O'Connell and Mr. L. J. Duffy; a chairman appointed by the Governmenut—Mr. James Douglas. Mr. T. J. Murphy acted as Secretary.

The Commission, in May, 1922, unanimously found that the "cut" could not be borne without hardship, the wages were restored to their old figure, and this was to obtain until an agreed cost of living figure was prepared, or until the final report of the Commission.

ECONOMIC FACTS.

The Government set up a body to prepare an Irish cost of living figure. This figure was announced at the end of August, and the Union was informed that under it a wages "cut" would be enforced within a week or so. The cost of living figure was notoriously at variance with economic facts, and the Union challenged it.

"The union based its chief objection to the 'cut' on the ground that but for the holding up of the Commission's work the wages question would by that time be definitely decided, and it pressed upon the Government that, pending the Commission's report, which the staff agreed to accept, the *status quo* be maintained. The Government would not give way, and definitely decided to interfere with the interim report's restoration of wages, and the unions were, therefore, forced into the strike of September, 1922. The stoppage of postal and telegraph work dislocated the trade and commerce of the country for three weeks. Work was resumed on the undertaking that the Commission would get to work immediately, and without avoidable delay settle finally the wage question.

"Sittings soon began, the Government nominees now being Senator Moran and Mr. D. O'Connor, Lecturer in Accounting, N.U.I., Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Friel having resigned. An unanimous report was presented to the Government on the 14th December last year. Since then the union has pressed unceasingly for its publication and adoption, but without result until last week, when the Postmaster-General made his announcement, rejecting practically all the findings in so far as they benefited the staff. The Commission's findings on the re-grading of work were accepted, but the higher wages to accompany the higher work were practically wiped out.

"The Commission aimed at providing better outlets for the rank and file, and with that end in view they handed over to the main classes, *i.e.*, postmen and clerks, work hitherto performed at a higher rate. They did not, however, give the re-graded class the increase which the new work warranted. Sorting, for instance, is at present performed by clerks at 61s. weekly. This work was to be handed over to postmen at 52s. weekly, effecting a saving of 9s. per week. Clerical work at present performed at £237 10s. 0d. per annum was to be handed over to sorting clerks at £220 per annum, effecting a saving of £17 10s. 0d. per annum."

The statement then gives quotations from the report to show that the members of the Commission were determined that their findings would not throw an extra burden on the national purse, and also that they were satisfied that there was general discontent in the service.

COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS.

In brief, the Commission recommended that postmen be divided into three grades, the lower-paid class to do the same class of work as at present, with an increase of 3s. a week, bringing them to a maximum of 43s.; the higher grade to do the general sorting and despatching, at present performed by clerks, for which they were to receive an immediate increase of 5s. a week, and proceed by increments to 52s., as against the clerks' 61s.

Clerks were to receive £162 10s. per annum, as against the present salary of £159. Those who proved their qualifications were to proceed by increments to £220, for which they were to take over all clerical duties in the Post Office, including those paid for at £237 10s. per annum.

The Government's proposals adopt the regrading scheme, but give Grade B postmen (one of the poorest paid classes in the service) nothing; Grade A postmen a maximum of 48s., after 18 years' service; and clerks a maximum of 70s. after 22 years' service. The telegraphist class remains at a standstill.

The statement concludes:—

"The general effect of the Government's proposals is to cheapen work and to intensify the existing discontent in the Postal Service. The result would be that class-for-class postal workers in Ireland would be working for far less than their colleagues in Britain or Northern Ireland.

"It is understood that the proposals are to be given a day's discussion in the Dail in January. The National Executive feel bound to give public opinion an opportunity of expressing itself; and, therefore, they await with interest the result of that debate. The issue before the people's representatives is above class or party, and the National Executive confidently expects Parliament to declare that the Government is bound to accept the findings of its own tribunal."

The King of Norway and Prince Olaf have joined Queen Maud at Appleton House, Sandringham.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. Lloyd George will spend Christmas at Criccieth (Wales).

Sir George Grahame, the British Ambassador in Brussels, is indisposed, and is confined to his bed.

The King has awarded the Edward Medal to Wilfrid Westoe, a coal hewer, who rescued a man in the South Garesfield Colliery, Co. Durham, on October 27th.

Lord and Lady Reading arrived at Rangoon yesterday, and received an enthusiastic welcome from the large crowds lining the decorated streets.

Mr. Thomas H. Mottram, Chief Inspector of Mines, will open an inquiry into the Redding Pit disaster at Glasgow on January 24.

Commodore Sir Bertram Hayes, who has spent forty-five Christmases at sea, on reaching Southampton yesterday on the Majestic, said that he had never experienced a calmer winter's voyage.

ACTOR DIVORCED.—Mrs. Constance Emsley Taylor, of Buckingham Gate, S.W., whose stage name was Constance Worth, was granted a decree *nisi* in a petition for divorce in London yesterday, from Alfred Herbert Taylor, the actor who is known as Dan Rolyat.

LONDON TRAIN TRAGEDY.—It is stated that the man who attacked Miss Daisy Cotter, the thirty-nine years old book-keeper, in a Metropolitan railway train yesterday evening, has been identified as Gustav Rudolph Williams, aged 25, of Stapleton Hall road, Strond Green, London, N. Miss Cotter is still in hospital.

THE CHORUS GIRL CASE. — Mr. Justice Russell, in the Chancery Division yesterday, gave judgment for the defendants in the chorus girl case, in which Mr. John Brimelow, the proprietor of a revue company, known in the profession as Jack Arnold, sought an injunction against the officials of the Joint Protection Committee of the Entertainment Industry from attempting to induce the members of his company to break their contracts.

BURNLEY TRAM ACCIDENT. — Two persons lost their lives, and five others were injured, in a collision between a heavy motor wagon and a tramcar at Burnley yesterday afternoon. The tram's brakes were jammed, and the car rushed down a hill, and, jumping the rails, was wrecked in a newsagent's shop. A fifteen-year-old girl, Edith Pomfret, was killed outright, and the conductor, William Simpson, died an hour later. Simpson had previously saved two children, by dropping them into the roadway as the tram went down the incline. The five persons taken to the hospital included the driver, William Norris.

LONDON THEATRES.

"MADAME POMPADOUR," AT DALY'S.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Friday.

Not for many a month has so complete a success as "Madame Pompadour," the new musical play, composed by the brilliant Viennese, Leo Fall, graced the stage of Daly's Theatre. This play made a great hit a year ago in Berlin, and bids fair to take London by storm, if the thunderous applause that it evoked from a first-night audience is any indication of its future success.

In every direction one sees in it the results of genuine artistic endeavour. The music is at times distinctive and original, at times piquant and melodious, and almost always delightful. The simple melody of carnival time, and the attractive waltz refrain of Pompadour's "Love me now," have the true Viennese lilt. The book, by Frederick Lonsdale and Harry Graham, is effective and well written, and contains many highly dramatic and humorous situations.

The chorus singing was extremely good, while the dressing and staging of the play left nothing to be desired.

The story centres in the love intrigues of Madame Pompadour, the lovely and witty mistress of Louis XV. The authors have woven round Pompadour an episode showing her as a truant from Court, falling in love with a gallant young Count (also a truant from a pretty and unsuspecting wife), enrolling him in her bodyguard, only to discover that he is the husband of Madame's lost sister.

Louis XV. is an imposing figure in the capable hands of Bertram Wallace. Derek Oldham sang and acted well in the part of the gallant Count, whom Pompadour loves. Huntly Wright, in the rather exacting part of the scurrilous versifier whom Pompadour punishes, was his usual excellent self. But the personal triumph of the evening must be accorded to Miss Evelyn Laye, whose acting as Madame Pompadour revealed unsuspected powers. She had to be, in turn, coquettish, defiant, vivacious, yielding, sentimental, dramatic and passionate, and she proved fully equal to all the demands that were called for by this variety of expression and changes of mood.

She has taken a great step forward in singing, as well as in acting, and she received a tremendous ovation at the conclusion of the play.

LIBELS BY POST.

CHARGES AGAINST A YOUNG WOMAN.

At Cromer yesterday, Dorothy Myrtle Thurburn (23) was sent for trial on charges of publishing defamatory libels by letters and postcards sent to several residents of Sheringham.

Superintendent Carter said that when the accused was arrested she showed him about forty anonymous letters, which she said that she had herself received. The Thurburn family, he added, was one of the highest respectability, and, apart from that case, there was nothing against Miss Thurburn.

The defendant, who pleaded not guilty and reserved her defence, was allowed bail.

ELDERLY WOMAN SENT FOR TRIAL.

At Coleford, Gloucestershire, yesterday, Miss Diana Langham, a well-known local lady of 55, was committed for trial on a charge of sending through the post between July and December postcards and postal packets of an indecent character.

Urging the magistrate to impose a fine, counsel for the defendant said that cases of this sort, for some extraordinary reason, generally occurred among people of education and position.

The Bench, however, decided to commit the accused.

A RANK IMPOSTER.

WIDOW'S MONEY LOST.

At the Croydon Police Court yesterday George Pugh, described as a gardener, aged 29, *alias* Benjamin Edwin Batchelor, was charged with obtaining by false pretences from Grace Batchelor, of Bennet road, a widow, the sum of £20, with intent to cheat and defraud.

The prisoner, who claimed to be a survivor of the Cressy, which was torpedoed in 1914, represented to Mrs. Batchelor that he was her son, who was on the Cressy when she went down, and had been missing since that time.

The police described the prisoner as one of the rankest imposters, and the magistrates sent him to jail for six months.

NEW CATTLE ORDER.

FURTHER RESTRICTION ON IMPORTED ANIMALS.

37 FRESH OUTBREAKS.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction have been officially informed that the British Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries have made an Order which will be in force on the 24th inst., the effect of which will be that Irish store animals moved from the landing places in Great Britain to premises other than slaughterhouses must be detained therein for a continuous period of 28 days from time of arrival.

This further restriction on subsequent movement of imported animals has been imposed in consequence of the danger which in practice has been found to result from the collection of animals undergoing the first six days' detention and their subsequent distribution.

The main object of the restriction is to prevent large collections of imported animals on any premises intended for early distribution, and to secure that animals shall be taken straight to farms for at least 28 days, or alternatively, to slaughterhouses for slaughter.

NEW OUTBREAKS.

37 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

The Ministry of Agriculture stated yesterday that 37 new cases of foot-and-mouth disease were reported yesterday. This brings the total number of cases since the outbreak in August to 1,413.

Of the new cases 21 were in Cheshire, four in Derbyshire, three in Salop, one in Durham, two in Flintshire, two in Lancashire, two in Northumberland. and two in Staffordshire.

No new areas are affected.

Animals which were infected in a shorthorn herd at Towiebarclay and recovered, are again affected with the disease.

BANK OFFICIAL IN CUSTODY.

PROSECUTION AT LIMERICK.

At the Limerick District Sessions, before Mr. J. M. Flood, District Justice, William C. R. Davis was brought up in custody charged with having on divers dates this year appropriated sums of money amounting to £755, the property of the directors of the Munster and Leinster Bank at Limerick, where he served as an official.

Sergeant O'Reilly, Civic Guard, gave evidence of having taken over defendant from the police at London on Wednesday. When charged the accused stated that he intended coming to Limerick on Tuesday last, and had taken a ticket for that purpose.

He was remanded for eight days in custody.

FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HOSPITAL.

CHILDREN'S DELIGHT.

Yesterday in all the Dublin hospitals devoted to the care and treatment of children, entertainments, organised under the auspices of the Dublin Rotary Club, were given.

A visit paid to the National Children's Hospital, in Harcourt street, showed how extensive were the arrangements made for the benefit of the little patients. The wards and corridors were decorated with holly, and in the Boardroom there was a monster Christmas tree, illuminated with many tiny electric lights. Concealed amid its foliage were many toys. There was a Father Christmas, too, who made his appearance quite suddenly.

The children first listened to a concert. Items were contributed by Presto (conjuror), Miss Donaldson, Miss Nora Child, Miss Helen Parkes, Master Clifford O'Farrell, Mr. W. Coomber, Mr. Herbert Bailey, and Mr. R. F. Keating. There was also the Cat from the Gaiety Theatre pantomime, whose appearance was joyfully acclaimed.

The children were then assembled around the Christmas tree, and toys, Christmas stockings, and sweets were presented to them.

On behalf of the Rotary Club a substantial cheque was given for the benefit of the hospital.

"Father Christmas" distributed 200 gifts on the occasion of a concert yesterday to children in the Orthopedic Hospital, Dublin. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Archer.

Songs were contributed by Miss Nora Pemberton and Miss Wallace; and dances by the Misses D. S. White and Doreen Bird; piano solos by Miss Madge Bradbury; fairy tales by Miss Burgess; and conjuring tricks by Mr. Cooper.

"Dick Whittington's Cat," of the pantomime company which is to perform at the Gaiety Theatre next week, gave a special entertainment, which was much appreciated. Acting in conjunction were a "clown" (played by Mr. H. H. Bailey) and a "donkey" (played by Mr. R. H. Keatinge).

POST OFFICE RAID.

A young man, wearing a mask, on Thursday raided the Oldcastle Post Office, and, presenting a revolver at the two women officials, demanded the money that was in the office. He seized the cash box and the money in the till and disappeared.

M'GUIRE'S COLLEGE.

At the annual prize distribution Mr. Moorhead, Principal of McGuire's College, Dublin, congratulated the successful students. He referred to the numerous distinctions gained at public examinations during the year, and said that the resumption of competitive examinations for the Civil Service provided new opportunities for earnest students. In this connection he mentioned that the result of the female writing assistants' examination, just announced, was most gratifying to all concerned, as several members of the special class in preparation were declared successful. The University and professional classes had, as usual, distinguished themselves. Nearly every candidate presented for examination during the year was declared successful on first trial, and the same might be said of the Corporation, bank, and railway classes. In the commercial department continuous progress had been made. The number of certificates awarded in the Royal Society of Arts examination—85—was a record for the College; all the students presented in typewriting were successful.

A presentation of Christmas presents from the students to the Principal and to members of the staff concluded the proceedings.

THE "IRISH FIELD."

The sporting world reflects the mood of the moment—viz., an easing off during the days before Christmas, with the promise of much activity after—and readers of the current issue of the *Irish Field* will find these phases faithfully portrayed. Much racing, indeed, is crammed into Thursday and three following days, and our contemporary gives each of the programmes of both Irish and English race meetings, as well as selections for all of the events, whether at Leopardstown, Limerick, Lingfield, Kempton, Wolverhampton, or Newbury. Also pertinent comment upon the present boom in Irish bloodstock, sales for export to Germany, Poland, France, America, and England being reported. A welcome to the Aga Khan as a breeder of bloodstock in this country is given, as well as an exhaustive note on the stallion, William Rufus. Hunting, too, is fully dealt with, and the twin subjects of kennel and coursing, the special articles under the latter heading being of prime interest to coursers.

ADVERTISING POWER.

The value of newspaper advertising was dwelt upon by Mr. France (Chairman and managing director of Scott and Turner, Limited, the proprietors of Andrews Liver Salt), at the annual Salesmen's Conference dinner, held at the Holborn Restaurant.

He stated that the sales increase of 1923 over 1922 had equalled the entire output of 10 years ago. This success had been secured, he said, as the result of producing a good article and by honesty and moderation in advertising. They tried to state in plain, unexaggerated language the merits and purpose of their product, and the firm greatly appreciated the assistance rendered by the Press in their development.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

CATTLE FOR HOLYHEAD.—Four of the London, Midland and Scottish Company's steamers were yesterday concerned with the carriage of live stock from the North Wall to Holyhead.

STORMY PASSAGE.—The ss. Maple, of the Burns-Laird Line, which sailed on Monday night last with a special consignment of cattle from Dublin to Dundee, appears to have had a protracted passage, and was obliged by bad weather to come to anchor in shelter off the Scottish coast. Her passage to Dublin was yesterday stated to have been "all well," and that she was proceeding to Dundee.

ROBBERY BY ARMED MEN.—Between twelve and one o'clock yesterday three men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, entered the Marine Store of Lazarus Friedberg, 24 Townsend street. They threatened the proprietor, took £5 in cash from him and also a dark overcoat.

FESTIVE SEASON DANCES.—In the Dublin Police Court yesterday, Mr. Cooper, K.C., granted a number of applications for authority to hold dances during the Christmas season. Mr. Cooper inquired if the police were invited to the various dances, and was told that "they turn up anyway, and occasionally stay."

TAXI CAB DRIVER CHARGED.—Austin Evans, taxi cab driver, of "Silveracre," Howth road, Clontarf, was remanded in Dublin yesterday, charged with the manslaughter of Elizabeth Rogers, aged 7 years, of 142 Upper Abbey street, whom he knocked down when driving through Abbey street on Thursday night.

NATIVITY PLAY AT DALKEY.—There will be no performance of the Nativity Play to-day, but to-morrow it will be produced at the Town Hall, Dalkey, at 3.30 p.m. Folk music and carols, wedded to old airs, and a procession of the Irish Saints of Ireland, in appropriate costumes, give an added interest to this already pleasing production. There will be another performance on St. Stephen's Day.

"MESSIAH" MUSIC AT RATHGAR.—The congregation assembled to hear the rendering of "The Messiah" music at Brighton road Methodist Church, Rathgar, last night—when soloists, who have been singing this music at a number of Dublin churches this Christmas, were heard again to advantage, supported by the church choir—were invited to contribute to a silver collection for the War Memorial and Church Extension Fund.

RECITAL AND CAROL SERVICE.—On Thursday evening at St. Kevin's Church, South Circular road, selections from the "Messiah" (Handel) were given, also traditional carols, Miss West presiding at the organ. The soloists were the Misses I. Grindley and C. Woodworth, Messrs. C. G. Sawier, F. Tackaberry, and F. Holmes. Special mention should be made of "Comfort ye" and "Every valley shall be exalted," rendered by Mr. C. G. Sawier, who possesses a beautiful tenor voice. Miss Woodworth's solo, "He shall feed His flock," was well sung. Rev. R. Bird, M.A., D.S.O., was the preacher. The collection was for the Parish Poor Fund.

ST. VICTOR'S CHURCH.—A window in memory of Miss Matthew, who for twenty-eight years was a teacher in St. Catherine's Schools, will be unveiled in St. Victor's Church, South Circular road, to-morrow evening at the 7 o'clock Service.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.—To-morrow at the 3.15 p.m. Service a selection of Christmas carols will be sung by the choir at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, instead of the usual anthems. On Christmas Eve the Service will be at 4 p.m. The carols chosen include "The Master's Garden," "The Cherrytree Carol," "When the crimson sun had set," "The Virgin Unspotted," "The snow lay deep," "In the bleak mid-winter," etc. Three new carols—by Von Holst, Rutland Boughton, and Kennedy-Scott—will be sung to-morrow afternoon, and one of them on Christmas Eve. The offerings to-morrow will be for the Cathedral Sustentation Fund and on Christmas Eve for the Cathedral Mission.

CONNAUGHT.

SERGEANT-MAJOR SENT FOR TRIAL.—At the Sligo District Court yesterday Sergeant-Major John Boyle, National Army, was returned for trial on a charge of unlawfully wounding Mr. J. H. Roche, auctioneer, and Mrs. Bridget Roche, his wife, by discharging a revolver at them. Bail, which was fixed at two sureties of £500 each, was not forthcoming.

APPOINTMENT FOR INTERNED DOCTOR.—Dr. O'Callaghan, Newport, Mayo, who is at present interned, has been appointed medical officer for the Bangor district of the Belmullet Union. It was stated that Dr. O'Callaghan was allowed out of prison to sit for his final examination, which he passed.

SENT FOR TRIAL.—Mr. W. D. Coyne, at the Castlebar District Court, returned for trial to the Mayo Criminal Sessions Mr. P. J. McLynskey, one of the leading merchants in the town, on a charge of forging the name of Mrs. Anne Lovelle, to a cheque for £10, made payable to her by the Belcorra Co-Operative Society, now in liquidation. According to the evidence the cheque was in a purse, which contained a sum payable to Mr. McLynskey. He kept the cheque and put it to the credit of his own account, and also credited the amount to the Co-Operative Society.

THE MAYO COUNTY HOME.—Mr. M. O'Carroll, Acting Secretary, informed the Mayo Board of Health that the cost per head per inmate (including the hospital) for the past half-year was 6s. 4d., representing a further drop of £1,000 per annum, or 1s. per head per week. The Chairman (Mr. McNally, T.D.) said it was the cheapest run county home in Ireland.

MUNSTER.

BACON PIGS.—Bacon-curing firms in Cork have notified the public that bacon pigs will not be accepted for slaughter from now until 27th inst.

DESTRUCTION OF A COASTGUARD STATION.—Amongst the large number of notices served on the Rural District Council of Clonakilty claiming compensation for the destruction of property is one from the Right Hon. Robert Henry Boyle, Earl of Shannon, for £5,000 in respect of the destruction of the Coastguard Station at Courtmacsherry.

MEDICAL OFFICER APPOINTED.—At the meeting of the County Waterford Board of Health, at Dungarvan on Wednesday, there were five applications for the vacant medical officership of Keereen, Dungarvan district. Dr. Casey, Dungarvan, was elected. The salary attached to the position is £250 a year.

ARMED ROBBERS.—While going to Nenagh yesterday, the wife of a labourer named Carey, Shallee, near Nenagh, was stopped by four masked and armed men, and £1 17s. 6d. was taken from her. Mrs. Ryan, wife of a farmer in the same locality, was also stopped, and a sum of £12 was stolen.

ROAD WORKERS' WAGES.—At the South Tipperary County Council a report was adopted, affirming an agreement arrived at in conference between the Council and Labour representatives, fixing the wage for road workers at 35s. a week, with an eight-hour day.

COMPENSATION CLAIMS.—County Court Judge Sealy, K.C., has been engaged during the present week at Clonmel hearing claims for compensation, of which there were nearly 3,000 listed in the county. Most of them were for looted or damaged property. In cases where owners consented to the looting, the claims were disallowed.

NON-PAYMENT OF RENT.—The Sheriff's representative, accompanied by Civic Guards, evicted from a labourer's cottage at Monemore, Cullen, Tipperary, Patrick Hogan, under a decree of the Tipperary District Court for the non-payment of rent to the Tipperary Rural Council. A similar procedure was taken in respect of Andrew Flynn for illegal possession of a labourer's cottage at Rhodus, Emly, the legitimate tenant then entering into possession.

ULSTER.

SNOW IN THE NORTH.—Yesterday there was a heavy snowfall at Strabane.

MONAGHAN CUSTOMS CASE.—A motor car driver employed by a Belfast firm of undertakers has been arrested at Monaghan for crossing the border without complying with the Custom regulations and notifying the officials. He has been brought before Mr. P. Ronaghan, Peace Commissioner, and released on bail.

RETRENCHMENT. — The Monaghan Asylum Committee has appointed a Sub-Committee to investigate all expenditure in connection with that institution, and report under what heads retrenchment can be effected. This is the result of a circular from the Local Government Department.

POTEEN-MAKING ON A MOUNTAIN.—Jeremiah Shields, Tully Mulhern, James McLoone, and James Bonner were charged at Stranorlar, under the Public Safety Act, with the possession of illicit spirits. The Civic Guards said that they found sixteen men making poteen on the top of a mountain near Cloghan at night. All got away but four. The majority of the men were sitting around the still, singing and drinking. Mr. O'Hanrahan dismissed the case against McLoone, and sentenced Bonner and Shields to six months' imprisonment, and Mulhern to three months' imprisonment, the warrants to be withheld until January 6.

On Christmas Day a selection from the "Messiah" will be rendered at the Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

An Oratorio Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Upper Mount street, Dublin, to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. A selection from Handel's "Messiah" and Christmas Carols will be sung by the choir.

There will be a special musical Service in Clontarf Methodist Church to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. The cantata, "The Holy Child," will be sung by the choir.

Mr. W. J. Maguire, B.A., LL.B., Drumcondra, Dublin, has passed with distinction the recent final examination in Dublin University for the degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A film lecture in connection with the Japanese Earthquake Fund will be held in the Theatre Royal on January 2nd at 3 p.m. The Gaumont official earthquake film will be shown.

At a meeting of the Dublin Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Denham Osborne owing to pressure of work was received.

A recital will be given at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, on January 11 by Mr. Cyril Scott, the composer and pianist, and Miss Jean Nolan, in a song and piano recital. This is Miss Nolan's last appearance prior to her departure for America.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

£115,300 FOR ROADS.—A road reconstruction scheme, to cost £115,300, was adopted at a special meeting of the Down County Council, held in Belfast yesterday.

GIFT TO BELFAST MUSEUM.—The Curator reported to the Belfast Libraries, Art and Museums Committee yesterday that the Marquis of Downshire had offered to present a collection of Irish antiquities to the Museum. The Curator was instructed to write, conveying the Committee's acceptance and cordial thanks for the gift.

MOTOR DRIVER PUNISHED.—David John Alexander, Burmah street, Belfast, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour, for being drunk in charge of a motor car. A policeman said that the motor had collided with a tramcar.

RUINS OF NENDRUM ABBEY.—The Down County Council yesterday decided to take over the private road leading to the ruins at Nendrum, which had been referred to at the previous meeting. It was decided that a deputation should interview the owner regarding the ruins, the Right Hon. T. M. Andrews, Mr. Hill Dickson, and Mr. Thompson being appointed.

WOMAN DROWNED AT BANGOR.—The identity of the woman whose body was washed ashore at Queen's Parade, Bangor, on Thursday afternoon, was established at the inquest in the Bangor Town Hall yesterday as that of Maggie Hutton, of Ballywoolen, Crossgar, who had been missing from her home since the 12th inst.

NEW NORTHERN K.C.'s.—In the Northern High Court yesterday, the Lord Chief Justice called to the Inner Bar Mr. J. Weir Johnston and Sir Arthur S. Quekett. Mr. Johnston is a son of Sir J. B. Johnston, a former Mayor of Derry. Some years ago he contested South Down in the Unionist interest, and during the war served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Sir Arthur Quekett is Parliamentary draughtsman to the Northern Government.

GIFTS FOR EX-SERVICEMEN.—5,000 parcels, accompanied by a card which stated: "We wish you a very, very happy Christmas," were distributed to Belfast ex-Servicemen at the City Hall to-day. Each parcel, which weighed 14lbs., and was value for 10s., contained one plain loaf, 2lbs. weight; a shilling fruit loaf, 2lbs. sugar, ½lb. tea, 1lb. of margarine, 1 tin of corn beef, 1lb. of Irish bacon, ½ stone of flour, ½lb. of biscuits, and a packet of cigarettes. The Lady Mayoress was present throughout the forenoon.

SENT TO A HOME.—At the Derry Petty Sessions yesterday, on the application of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Matilda and Frances McElhinney, the children of a soldier killed in the war, were sent to the Grosvenor Hall Home for the children of ex-soldiers, at Whitehead, County Antrim. A number of convictions were proved against the mother and step-father.

PRESENTATION AT NEWRY.—Mr. Robert A. Mullan, solicitor, father of Newry Sessional Bar, was, at his residence, Cairn Hill, Newry, yesterday evening presented with a massive silver loving cup by members of his profession, as "a tribute of their respect for his 54 years active and honourable connection with the solicitors' profession in Newry." Mr. Mullan afterwards entertained the company.

PEDLAR WITHOUT A LICENCE.—The Derry magistrates yesterday fined Hugh Gibbons, 43 Nailor's row, 5s. for acting as a pedlar in the Diamond without a licence. Sergeant Hill said that the defendant told him that he would stop in the Diamond as long as he liked, and defied him.

POTEEN-MAKING NEAR BELFAST.—While Detective Sergeant Joseph Brown and other police were searching premises at Upton Cottages, Glen road, Belfast, they discovered in a shed a still with various accessories for manufacturing illicit spirits. The police seized the plant, and arrested a man named M'Court in connection with the affair. At the Custody Court yesterday M'Court was charged with keeping an illicit still, and he was remanded till Monday on bail, himself in £100 and two sureties of £50 each.

CONTRACTORS AND FORMER WORKMAN.—The Coroner did not consider an inquest necessary in the case of Francis J. McCaliskey, carpenter, of Stewartstown, who was found dead on the roadside near Coalisland on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased man had been in the employment of Messrs. McKeown and Sons, contractors, Cookstown, for over 15 years, and left their employment about three months ago. On hearing of his death the firm arranged for the funeral.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—An exhibition of the work by the students in the domestic economy department of the Derry Municipal Technical School concluded yesterday. The display, which attracted much attention, consisted of dressmaking and needlework, under Mrs. Heatley; cookery, under Miss Love; and domestic science and housewifery, under Miss Margaret Wallace.

CASTLEDERG TRAMWAY.—An inquiry was held yesterday in the offices of the Castlederg and Victoria Bridge Tramway Company, Tyrone, by Mr. John Bates, engineering inspector of the Ministry of Home Affairs, into a proposal of the company to inaugurate a motor service on their line as an auxiliary to the present tramway service. It is proposed that the speed of the new service shall be fixed at 20 miles per hour, and the object is to enable the company to provide a service to meet all Great Northern Railway trains at Victoria Bridge.

STRIKE POSSIBLE.

RAILWAYMEN'S WAGES IN ENGLAND.

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER

After a heated discussion, which lasted four hours, the award of the British Railways National Wages Board was accepted yesterday by the National Union of Railwaymen. Mr. T. C. Cramp, Industrial Secretary, said that the decision was approved by "a very large majority."

The delegate conference of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen decided to take a ballot of its members on the award, and, in the event of the members rejecting the findings of the Wages Board, to call a national strike.

The Executive Committee will meet this morning to draw up the ballot paper, which will be issued forthwith to members of the Society throughout the country. It is understood that the paper will not contain any official recommendation. The members will be left entirely free to exercise their judgment.

The Associated Society has 62,000 members, 59,000 of whom are involved. The difference is explained by the fact that the Irish railways, the London electric railways, and a few minor systems outside the four big groups are not affected.

In an interview last night Mr. Bromley, General Secretary of the Associated Society, said that, in the event of the members rejecting the findings, the society's first duty would be to inform the railway companies of the position, and, should the latter then determine to put into operation the full terms of the findings, a strike would be inevitable. In the event of the companies being prepared to negotiate on the matter, and any change being made, then the matter would again be referred to the members.

The Press Association adds:—There is no danger of an immediate stoppage, and the holiday-makers need have no fears of their travelling facilities being jeopardised, at any rate until after the holiday period.

COUNTY MONAGHAN RAID.

A CLEVER CAPTURE.

A clever capture was made in the Loughmourne-Laragh district of Co. Monaghan on Wednesday morning.

At about nine o'clock on Tuesday night the sub-post office and provision shop of Mr. Thomas Wiley, Loughmourne, was raided by three armed men, who entered by the kitchen door, "held up" the son and daughter of Mr. Wiley, and demanded the keys of the shop. Mr. Wiley, senior, who was in bed, was brought downstairs and, at the point of a revolver, compelled to open the door leading to the shop and post office.

The raiders informed Mr. Wiley that it was "an official raid," one of them adding that he had been kicked out of the National Army, but that "the war would go on until all the prisoners were released." They helped themselves to tobacco, biscuits, cigarettes, cakes, matches, laces, etc., and all the cash and stamps in the drawer, the property of the Postmaster-General.

When the raiders had gone, Mr. Wiley's son informed the Civic Guard, one of whom informed a military patrol. The lieutenant in charge of the patrol posted men at all the cross-roads for a radius of about two miles.

At about 2 a.m., a sergeant and one private, watching one of the cross-roads, heard the voices of three men who were approaching. They had with them a bicycle, and a bag which was later found to contain all the looted stuff from Mr. Wiley's premises. The order was given to "halt," and, dropping the bag and the bicycle, the three men ran. Two of them made their way across a ditch into the open country. The sergeant fired, and one of the men was seen to fall. The two soldiers overtook the third man and arrested him. He was a man named Hugh Goodman, from the Laragh district. A few yards away the soldiers picked up a loaded Colt revolver.

Placing the arrested man in the charge of the private, the sergeant resumed the chase after the other two men, but in jumping off a ditch he landed in a bog hole, in which he was almost completely submerged, and it was only after an hour's struggle that he extricated himself. Meanwhile the two wanted men had escaped.

Hugh Goodman was taken to Castleblayney, where he was charged with being implicated in the armed robbery at Mr. Wiley's, and with being in possession of firearms without legal authority.

A wounded man, suspected of being the person shot by the sergeant, was admitted to the Monaghan County Infirmary on Wednesday evening, and an operation was performed on him on Thursday.

On Thursday evening the wounded man was identified as one of the raiders. He made a statement to Superintendent Murphy, admitting that he took part in the raid. He is Michael Duffy, son of a Laragh blacksmith.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

In the Northern King's Bench Division yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Wilson, the hearing was resumed of the action by Samuel A. Hunter against the Mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of Derry and Derry County Council, which had come up on a case stated by Mr. Justice Brown.

The action had been brought by the plaintiff, court-keeper at Derry, for half a year's salary. The Recorder of Derry had found for the plaintiff and given a decree for £25 and costs. The case then came before Mr. Justice Brown at the Derry Assizes on appeal by the defendants, and some questions of considerable legal difficulty arising, his lordship agreed to state a case.

Judgment was reserved.

ST. JOSEPH'S GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

The Very Rev. Vincent Byrne, S.J., will preach the annual charity sermon on behalf of St. Joseph's Girls' Orphanage, Mountjoy street, Dublin, in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner street, to-morrow. The heavy drain upon the resources of the Orphanage, caused by the enhanced cost of the necessities of life, has scarcely been eased as yet; hence there is an urgent need of a generous response to Father's Byrne's plea.

STORE CATTLE SALE.

MESSRS. GAVIN LOW, LTD.

At above firm's sale on Thursday last the numbers shown were much smaller than usual on account of the approaching holidays. Owing, however, to the presence of many home and cross-Channel buyers, trade revived considerably, and a very satisfactory clearance was made at much improved prices, as will be seen from the following quotations:—Horned bullocks and heifers made £21 17/6 (41/-), £20 (38/-), £18 10/- (39/-), £18 (39/-), £17 12/6 (35/-), £16 10/- (37/-), £15 (39/); Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford crosses, £28 (45/6), £21 (48/-), £19 15/- (47/-), £17 10/- (46/-), £16 (48/-), £14 (49/-), £11 15/- (48/6), £11 15/- (46/-), £10 5/- (46/-); polles, £21 10/- (39/-), £18 10/- (41/-), £17 10/- (39/-), £18 15/- (40/-), £14 15/- (40/-), £16 (37/-).

COURT AND PERSONAL.

To-day the King and Queen will leave Buckingham Palace for Sandringham, and will be accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York. The Prince of Wales is remaining in London over Sunday, but will join the Royal party next Monday at York Cottage, where Prince Henry and Prince George will also spend Christmas. The King of Norway and Prince Olaf arrived in London on Thursday and left at once for Appleton House, Norfolk, where Queen Maud was awaiting their arrival.

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The Spanish Ambassador and Madame Merry del Val were present at the marriage of Señor Don Pedro de Zulueta, Spanish Attaché, and Miss Dora F. Marshall at St. James's, Spanish Place, on Thursday, and left in the evening for Rome. They will not return to England till the middle of January. The Marchioness of Headfort will start for St. Moritz to-day, and will be away for some weeks. Sir Charles and the Hon. Lady Burn, whose only surviving son, Mr. Ian Burn, comes of age to-day, will spend Christmas with Lord and Lady Leith of Fyfie at Hartwell House, Aylesbury.

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The Marquis and Marchioness of Bute are entertaining a family party for Christmas and New Year at Cardiff Castle, where the Dowager Marchioness of Bute will join them to-day. The Marchioness of Downshire and her son, the Marquis of Downshire, will spend Christmas at Easthampstead Park, Berks, where their house party will include Lord and Lady Arthur Hill. Viscountess Arbuthnot is spending the winter at St. Raphael.

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The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn has arrived at Shelton Abbey, Co. Wicklow, and will spend Christmas with the Earl of Wicklow and her grandson, Lord Clonmore. Lady Albreda Bourke is staying at Newbury with her sister, Lady Charlotte Fitzwilliam, and will not return to Roseboro' till January. The Hon. Hugh O'Neill has arrived at Shane's Castle from Belfast. The Earl and Countess of Mayo are spending Christmas in County Kildare.

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The little Earl of Uxbridge, heir of the Marquis of Anglesey, who celebrated his first birthday on October 8th, has been presented by the residents at Menai Bridge with a beautiful silver server of Chippendale design, and his twin sister has received from the same donors a silver-mounted brush and comb in a silver case.

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Commodore Fitzmaurice Pinchin will sail from Southampton, on the 28th inst., in the R.M.S. Corinthic for a trip round the world.

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Captain Reginald Hargreaves, M.C., late Rifle Brigade, who has been appointed A.D.C. on the Staff of the Governor-General of South Africa, the Earl of Athlone, was married on Thursday at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, to Miss Alison Jean Ogilvie-Grant, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Ogilvie-Grant and cousin of the young Countess of Seafield, who was one of the bridesmaids. There was a large attendance in the church and at the reception, for which Mr. and Mrs. Henderson lent their house in Cadogan square.

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Mr. A. Yeates has left 25 Lower Baggot street until Friday, December 28th.

Switzers New Restaurant, first floor, 90 Grafton street, entrance also by Débutante Gallery, to which two lifts operate continuously during the day. The Restaurant will remain open until 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

To meet the present need for economy, Switzers, 88 Grafton street, have opened additional workrooms, where they are reproducing, under personal supervision, about thirty smart French Gowns, reserved to be copied at from 6½ guineas to 13 guineas, at which price their usual collection starts, the well-known standard of which will always be scrupulously maintained.

Delightful Dance Frocks for Christmas Festivities.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 George's street.

Christmas Gifts—The useful and practical. Hundreds to select from at Holmes', George's st. Warehouse open all day to-day.

Robert's Christmas Gift Exhibition of Fashion and Fancy Novelties, Useful Household Articles, and an abundance of Good Toys is worth an early visit.—Grafton street. Warehouse open all day to-day.

Beautiful Collection of Afternoon and Evening Gowns in exclusive styles, in Velvet, Silk, and Crepe-de-chine. Charming range of colours.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton st.

Sofa and Chair Cushions, Pouffes, Box Seats, Coseys, Pin Cushions, Hand-embroidered Cushion and Cosey Covers. Good taste combined with reasonable prices.—Robert and Co., 80/83 Grafton street.

Millinery Models all reduced to clear before stocktaking. Must be cleared.—Robert and Co., Ltd., 80/83 Grafton street.

Every Irish Lady should wear Irish Poplin Hats. Latest Models at Atkinson's, 31 College Green.

Grand Hotel, Greystones, for Christmas week. Gala Dinners, Fancy Dress Ball, Carnival Dances.

Special Christmas Sale this week at Madame Renée's, Harry st. (off Grafton st.).

The "Geisha" Café, South King street, adjoining Gaiety Theatre—When Christmas shopping call for hot luncheons, good teas, home made cakes and scones, chocolates. Real good value.

Victorian Evening Gown in rose patterned taffetas, with berthe of silver lace, for 7½ gns. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Cosy Christmas Gifts. Breakfast coat in Zenana cloth, bound braid, with pocket, colours: orange, lemon, and rose, 23s. 6d. Also crêpe-de-chine matinée, with boudoir cap to match, special price 3 gns.—Slyne and Co., Ltd., 71 Grafton st., 1 and 2 Harry st.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Departures:—Mrs. Charles Murphy, Mrs. F. R. Beatty, Miss Beatty, Miss A. E. Beatty, J. M. Colwill, Mrs. J. M. Colwill, R. H. Colwill, Mr. and Mrs. Macnie, Mrs. E. Atkinson, Mrs. J. F. Craig, Master K. Craig, Mrs. Mollan, Dr. M. Price, Miss Olive Hurley, Miss Gertrude Hurley, Mrs. W. H. Spink.

Gift Exhibition and Toy Land Bazaar at McBirney's open to-day until 6 o'clock.

Exquisite Bouquets, Wreaths, Crosses, Floral Designs, choicest flowers, shortest notice, lowest prices.—Ramsay's, 50 Nassau street.

Warm Underclothing—We are agents for the famous makes "Jaeger," "Chilprufe," and "Pesco" Underclothing at keenest prices.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton street.

Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by port trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.

TO LADIES.—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances of all kinds.—Fannin & Co., 41 Grafton st. Mourning Orders executed on the shortest notice. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Mr. Charles Hugh O'Conor, formerly a Commissioner, Local Government Board, has been co-opted a director of the Hibernian Bank, Limited, in the room of Mr. John Murphy, who has retired.

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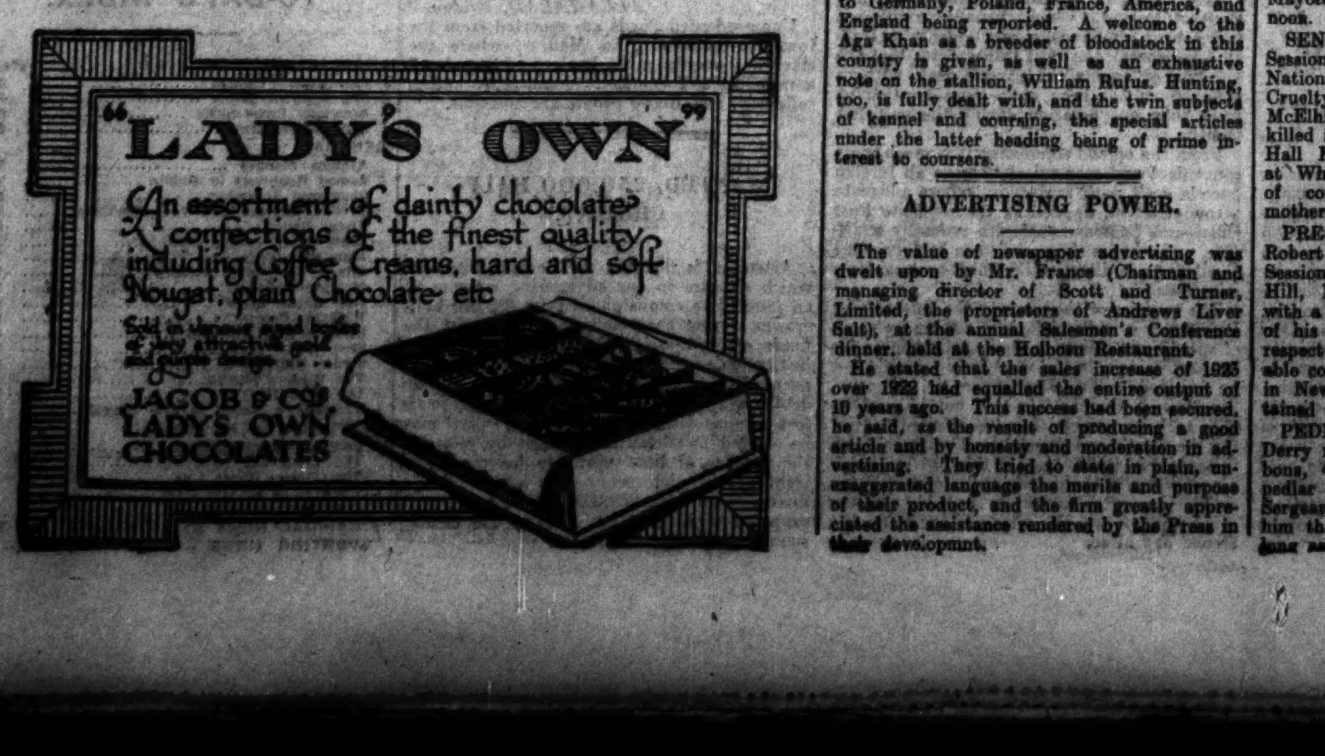

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN.

A Strange Dinner.

(BY BUR NAKKIT.)

It was in a little seaside place named Obama, over across the bay from Nagasaki, that I had my first Christmas dinner in Japan.

I was staying with a party of friends in a semi-foreign, semi-Japanese hotel, owned by the famous O Kimi San. She was past her prime, though not much, at the time I speak of, and in her day she must have been a very beautiful woman. It was said that more than one foreigner had broken his heart over her. O Kimi San was lucky, inasmuch as she never had a heart; but instead she had a shrewd head, she sold her favours dearly, and, in the course of time, she amassed a considerable fortune; hence the hotel!

Anyhow, whatever her past, she was a very capable hostess, and she made us all extremely comfortable.

Among the party was an American lady, a Mrs. D., a merry widow with a little spoiled daughter. One evening on returning to the hotel I found everything in a state of turmoil. Marjorie had suddenly developed a temperature, and Mrs. D. had decided to clear out at once for Nagasaki. As there was no boat until the morning, someone suggested calling in a local doctor. Mrs. D. turned up her nose at this.

"What sorta doctor are we likely to find in a two-cent hole like this?" she exclaimed, speaking through the organ she had just turned up. "Probably some bum guy with a cure-all pill."

This was too much for O Kimi San.

"Excuse me, madam," she said slowly, "our doctor here has taken his M.D. degree in Edinburgh University, and, I believe, that degree is recognised even in the United States."

Mrs. D. subsided, and the doctor was sent for forthwith.

He came, a charming little man in native costume; he diagnosed, and, in a couple of days, he had Marjorie cured.

One evening he came around to see us, and found us discussing our Christmas dinner. He at once suggested that we should all dine with him on Christmas Day. The novelty of this appealed to us, and we gladly accepted, on the condition that we had an entirely Japanese meal.

On Christmas afternoon we devoted some time to dressing ourselves up in Japanese style. The ladies looked charming, with their hair done in the native way, with a chrysanthemum tucked in over one ear, and wearing bright kimonos, with broad sashes of a different colour. The greatest difficulty was the foot-wear, and I do not think that any of us ever really got accustomed to sandals, although they helped us to realise why it is that Japanese always shuffle along with bent knees when they walk.

We left our sandals in the hall, and stepped on to the raised floor covered with clean, comfortable matting, where our host and his family stood waiting to greet us. Then there was much bowing and in-drawing of breath as we were all introduced.

Dinner was served on a table about a foot high. We all squatted around on the matting, each one having a little velvet arm-rest.

There were no plates, no knives, no forks! Instead, each of us had a collection of little china bowls and a pair of chop-sticks. A large dish, placed in the centre, contained the already cut-up food. One of the little dishes which we each had held an excellent sauce, made from the soya bean, with a flavour very like Harvey Sauce.

I jibbed at that first dish and nearly became a non-starter. Our host, observing that I was not making much headway, turned and asked me why I was not eating.

"Oh! Doctor," said I, "I can't eat that. Why! it's raw fish!"

"Well!" said the Doctor, "but don't you eat oysters"

This certainly made me see things in a new light; but even then, although I nibbled, I could not quite manage it.

Next came two other fish courses, this time cooked to perfection and quite delicious.

Then came a chicken, cut into small pieces, served with bowls of rice and another excellent sauce. Next we had some bamboo shoots, very dainty and succulent. Other items were, stewed mutton with a kind of sea-weed, and, to wind up with, sugared chestnuts.

We drank warm saké, a wine made from rice, not unlike sherry.

Our dessert consisted principally of dried fruits transfixed on little sticks, and was accompanied by tea without milk or sugar, which tasted and smelled as if it was an infusion of hay.

During the evening Geishas, with shrill falsetto voices, sang plantive little native love-songs, and, graciously unbending when their performance was over, laid aside their instruments, came and sat beside us, and tried to imitate our barbarian tongues.

We left after a most enjoyable evening, with many laughing cries of "*Sayonara*"! (till we meet again) ringing in our ears.

If you want a complete change from roast turkey and plum-pudding for your next Christmas dinner, my advice is, take a run over to Japan.

CAROLS.

(BY A WAIT.)

If no other time in the world had been written but one Christmas carol, and that one "Noel," men might go about their ways without an irremediable sense of loss. The pleasure of harmony, intricate and complex, often bending upon itself until it becomes delicious pain, would be lost. The immersion in musical form or musical ideas, and the pleasant, often inspiring, intellectual exercise associated with it, would not exist for the delight of the musical *gourmet*.

The latter, however, would not know the loss. He would not have been born, and the world would not be much the poorer without him. But the healthy lover of music might find in the Christmas carol, if he cared to look, the be-all and end-all of musical effort—which is joy. For to no creation of art can greater praise be given than it be called a thing of joyful beauty. In music, furthermore, the human voice, singly or in choir, and without accompanying instrument, is the ultimate medium. No instrument or combination of instruments can drive home with the same universal appeal. No instrument is so sensitive or so flexible. And in certain settings it can clothe itself in a cloak of beauty that is above mere art, that is natural like a glorious sunset and, at the same time, as miraculous and divine.

The Christmas carol is sung in such a setting. It comes to men's ears out of the cold and dark of a winter night, when the chime of a bell or a mellow sound catches and startles one with the swift delight of surprise. There is a gale, perhaps, and over all a coat of snow, and that very wintriness accentuates the loveliness of the carol, as a background of black velvet makes the beauty of a white marble or a shapely woman live and breathe with a new intensity and glory.

In such a setting its simplicity is its essential strength, and when hearty, earnest voices peal its burden no golden flow of sound can compare with its sonorous roundness, with its soaring praise, with its exultant joy. Therefore, the "waits" will never die; and as long as Christmas continues to have a meaning carols of praise will be sung to the Lord. For the carolling heart will have its way, and that way is the way of song.

A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE.

(BY FAUGH-A-BALLAGH.)

We had been fighting like devils all day, and had succeeded in repelling three very heavy attacks, delivered within a few hours of each other. After the last abortive effort to dislodge us, the dispirited attackers withdrew to their reserve position on the distant foot-hills. Towards evening a heavy mist descended on the valley, and my company commander suggested our having a look around in front.

Many were the strange sights and gruesome objects we encountered during this walk, not the least of the former being that all the enemy officers wore swords. These were of various patterns, and completely unserviceable, being more of the Court than the active service variety.

Suddenly I heard my companion calling me softly, and the tone in his voice brought me quickly to his side. The object to which he drew my attention left me powerless of speech or movement for about a minute. I glanced at my friend, and saw the same amazement in his look as I felt. About ten paces in front of us was a man buried upright to his neck in hard ground. The cruel, leering grin on his face was calculated to strike terror into the heart of men with less shaken nerves than ours.

"What is it?" I whispered. My companion did not reply. He had the look of a man hypnotised. Slowly he started to move forward, while I kept by his side. Getting nearer, we both became conscious of a rigidity in the features which the fog had previously concealed. Could a shell-burst have buried him thus? I thought. No; the earth around is quite undisturbed. Can it be the vengeful act of his comrades on a traitor?

Suddenly my friend touched the head with his boot. Good Lord, I thought, he has gone mad. With his hands pressed to his sides, my companion emitted shriek after shriek of the wildest laughter, while the tears rolled down his cheeks. "Come away, old man," I said. "Let's get back," and linking my arm in his, I led him away.

We had only moved about twenty paces when I stopped with a jerk. There, lying right in our path, was the headless body of a Bulgar soldier.

NEAR THE COTTAGE OF MRS. MAGEE.

An Irish Picture.

(BY MATUSCHKA.)

The cottage stands beside the lake; it has a few wind-blown trees behind it; a few firs. Behind that again the lake mountain rises up. Now it is covered with snow, and the wind is going like a shower of needles and pins down the valley. It is impossible to see this cottage coming on the road from either the North or South. You always find it suddenly as you come to the bend of the road, and it is standing there without any pretence or make believe; a cottage with hens round it, a wicker gate, and a few white pebbles garnishing the sides. But it is a fairy cottage, all the same, that you come on suddenly, by a kind of jugglery, away from everything, at the bend of the road

Mrs. Magee is inside. The tables and the dresser have been scrubbed white. In the inner room—the best room—with a little carpet on the floor, a Chinese toy hangs at the window. It is just pieces of glass, coloured in red and yellow, hanging together. When the wind blows they shake softly and play a few notes. But, of course, this only happens in the summer, when the window is open. In the winter the logs and turf are piled high in the kitchen. But now there are only logs burning, because it was a bad year for turf.

There is a big house hidden in the trees at the other end of the lake. A steward lives there to take care of it, because the owners are nearly always away. The lake has nothing to do with that house. They might buy the land and the lake and the fish in it a hundred times. It belongs to Mrs. Magee always. She is the hostess of the cottage and the lake.

A subterranean stream joins this lake to a smaller one higher up. This is calm and silvery. I heard a young girl say of it—"It is like the Sea of Galilee." At the far side of it there is a single tree in the rocks, and in the spring it is covered with white blossoms. Around and about are the bogs.

At the next corner one is lost to the life of coming and going—the life of the towns. One has come to a place where the beginning and end of the world might have met. Now the great white icicles hang down over water that is still and remote, not mud-coloured or grey or undecided, but black, flowing through the secret places of the earth and the mysterious rocks, to come out and lie in an unfathomable dark pool under the mountains and the snow. It is so strange that one might say—"These are the mountains of Norway; these are the Norwegian fjords." The jagged rocks descend to the lake like the last scene of some tremendous drama. God might yet lean over the curtain, lean down through them, when the time will come, and speak. Snow blows lightly across their grey sides, and clouds sweep over them before the frail northern sun. One is being let at last into the secret. All this mightiness would not pass unashamed before one's eyes if one was not to know.

Now there is no one there; now the road leads for miles through silence. If there were fairies they would be there. But there are none. If any delicate and subtle life was being led in that place, it would be a thing so remote that it would die at the sound of a human footstep. You would never see them, and their fastidious truthfulness would only be wounded to death by your saying so. So that, with the coarse words we speak, we must say they are not there.

Then there is a lake so wonderful, that, beholding it in the night of frost, half mist, half cloud, and half unchanted water, one doubts its reality, and is drawn to gaze on it like one that is lost. The people born near it live only half their lives; its strangeness steals from them the other half. As one leaves it one no longer says—"The mountains of Norway, the Norwegian fjords"; but, in a glow of adoration, one's heart leaps to it, recognising it as one's own. It is part of the last thing one may find, and the best. Set among that which is also one's own, that which has been torn down and besmirched, it has some part with this last one will find to worship, that which has been untouched by the centuries, as it is untouched by the treachery of passion or the treachery of power.

MRS. VAN BURCHELL.

The following account of the extraordinary preservation of a human body was published in a Dublin journal about ninety years ago.

Mrs. Van Burchell, who died in 1775, was the wife of an eccentric and well-known empiric, Dr. Martin Van Burchell.

The singular means he employed for the preservation of her body excited considerable interest.

On her death taking place, he applied to the then celebrated Dr. Hunter to exert his skill, to prevent, if possible, the changes of form usual after the cessation of life.

Accordingly, the doctor, assisted by Mr. Cruikshank, injected the blood-vessels with a coloured fluid, so that the minute red vessels of the cheeks and lips were filled, and exhibited their natura hue; and the body in general, having all the cavities filled with antiseptic substances, remained perfectly free from any corruption, and appeared as if it were merely in a state of sleep. But to further resemble the appearance of life, glass eyes were also inserted.

The corpse was then placed inside a box of suitable dimensions, and deposited in a bed of thin plaster of Paris, which subsequently crystallised, and produced a pleasing effect, a curtain covered the glass lid of the box, which could be withdrawn at pleasure. This box was kept in the common parlour.

Dr. Van Burchell had the satisfaction of thus preserving his wife for years, and frequently displayed the beautiful corpse to his friends and visitors.

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HOMECOMING.

(BY MICHAEL WALSH.)

At Paddington and Euston, at Amiens street and Kingsbridge, the Christmas crowds are beginning to throng the platforms.

What a motley throng surely, and what a gay throng! Often have I mingled with the vast crowd of homecoming Christmas holiday-makers. The spirit of cheer and good-will which is universal makes those happy occasions unforgettable.

I have mingled with the Christmas crowds on the Dublin platforms, with the old and the young, the drapers' assistants, the students and the soldiers. I travelled once by a Christmas train over countrysides of sunshine and snow, and the train seemed like a theatre or concert hall; for songs and music and happy laughter were heard in almost every compartment.

How pleasant at every wayside station to see the warm welcomes expressed in kisses and handshakes and to hear the exchanges of the time old greetings. Motors, jaunting cars, and even the humble donkey carts are waiting in queues outside the platforms.

As the train rushes beneath a bridge carts laden with Christmas purchases may be seen going past on the road above. Children laughing and shouting merrily scramble over fences in search of the Christmas holly, and they wave their little hands to us as the train flies past.

Whether it be the stately, palatial mansion that is familiar to us as home or the peasant's cabin by the laneway, the home longings are acute, especially at the Christmas season.

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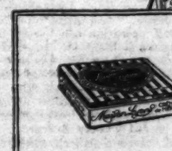

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AMERICAN SLANG TERMS.

(BY J. B.)

America has for long been the home of linguistic innovation. Those additions of picturesque and racy expression which the English language has received within recent years have mostly originated across the Atlantic. Whatever the purists may think of these, and however much they may raise their hands in holy horror, a great many of them have crept into the language to stay, mainly through the instrumentality of the short story writer.

If we examine a few of the commonest of American slang terms we will be struck to find that a great many of them are no innovations at all, but date back to the best periods of English literature. "I guess," which is the distinguishing mark *par excellence* of the modern American, is as old as Chaucer. It is one of his characteristic expressions to introduce those sly touches of humour with which his works are enlivened.

"Slick," with its concomitant phrase "Look slick," has apparently all the hall-marks of smart Americanese. It is, however, nothing of the kind. "Slick" is but another form of "sleek," and has been in use for centuries. Here is a curious extract from Fuller, the sixteenth century writer:—"Sure I am that the New Jerusalem was fairer, slicker, more exact than any fabric the earth afforded."

"Snag," "bluff," "freshet" (a stream), "to kodge," and "to whittle," are all expressions which might have been lost to English but for the fact that they were perpetuated in its offspring American English, and so crept back into the mother tongue. "To rile," meaning to irritate, a word which most of us would find difficult to get on without, is quite good English, coming back into the language after an existence of many years as an American colloquialism.

"The Fall" (autumn) passed for a long time as an Americanism, chiefly through its frequent occurrence in the works of writers like Longfellow. It occurs in Dryden, and, indeed, earlier, as the following couplet from an older writer shows:—

"What crowds of patients the town-doctor kills,
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THE CYNIC'S CHRISTMAS.

(BY BENJAMIN TROVATO.)

Someone has said that the Christmas season is that part of the year in which one spends the money one has not got in buying things one does not want. I may have said it myself, but, being an amateur in these matters, I cannot be sure. I am prepared to make a present of the story to anyone who desires to lay claim to it. To me the social festivities of Christmas are an occasion not only of hypocrisy, but of boredom. I do not mind very much welcoming the wretched Jones—my long-lost cousin, as I truly hoped he was—for a few moments or a few drinks. But I strongly object to his methods at Christmas time, when he expects me to enthuse over him as he plants his feet under my mahogany and sighs quietly in anticipation of my fatted turkey.

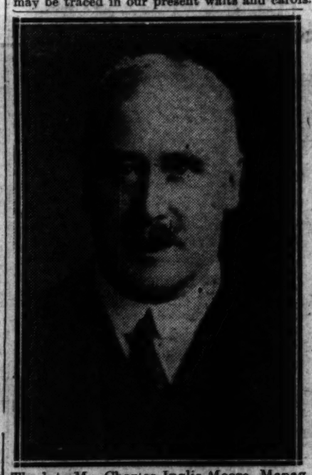
Were I, in another year and in a time which was not Christmas, to attempt to billet myself on my cousin Jones, would I get away with it? By no means. Jones would be busy or tired or regretful. Yet he comes to me merely because it is Christmas, and expects me to ooze sentimentalism. I object at all times to this disgusting form of false taste. Most people, I fancy, were they *honest with themselves*, do so too. But they are so overcome with the good cheer *motif* of Christmas that they lack the courage to be their true selves. So they give themselves up to the sentimental hand-shake and the cry of many happy returns.

The whole thing is a piece of Scrooge ethic. Scrooge was a horrid and beastly fellow in his normal life. But he was an honest man until Dickens converted him. After him, not the deluge, but the hypocrites. Dickens, I am afraid, made the Christmas bells sound to a maudlin tune. Toby Veck's dinner of tripe was, no doubt, modest compared with the feasts which we inflict upon ourselves at Christmastide, but the principle is the same. It is eating for the sake of eating, forcing oneself to things which one ordinarily has no use for. The real objection to Christmas festivity is that it is not jolly and is not festive. One has to meet one's relations and one's "in-laws," and to pretend to like it. No sane man ever enjoyed his "in-laws"! He did not choose them and he does not want them. Neither does he want goose or turkey or mince pies forced upon him. At the club or at the restaurant he is free to choose other foods. In his own house at Christmas he must do as the Victorians did. The only good thing to be said about Christmas is that it comes but once a year, and the whole accent and emphasis is on the "But."

THE WASSAIL BOWL.

Wassail, or was-heal, which signifies your health, is only now used in a very limited sense, and that at Christmas time. In the olden time it signified mirth and festivity. In the reign of Henry VII. Wassailing was a great ceremony on Twelfth Night at Court. The custom of throwing toast and pouring out libations to apple trees for proving a fruitful year was called wassail; the term is still applied to the drinking songs sung in the cider countries on the eve of Epiphany, when the ceremony is performed.

The origin of the term wassail is very ancient, and is supposed to come down to us from the daughters of Hengist, who, on presenting a cup of wine to Vorigern, the king, said, "Hlaford Kyning, was-heil!" that is, Lord King, health be to you! The king, being unacquainted with the Saxon language, asked the meaning of the terms, and being told that they wished his health, and that he should answer by saying, Drine heil, he did so, and commanded her to drink; then, taking the cup, he kissed the damsel, and pledged her. From this time the custom remained in Britain. The wassel songs were sung during the festivities of Christmas and in earlier times by the itinerant minstrels, of whom, with the practice, some remains may be traced in our present waits and carols.



The late Mr. Charles Inglis Moore, Managing Director of Messrs. Switzer's, Dublin.

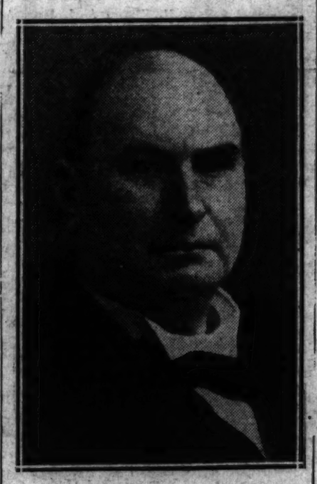
"LIFE'S GREEN."

A suggestive name certainly. The tiny enclosure of green grass lying under the shadow of one of England's greatest and most historic Cathedrals; and on that green a simple cross, unostentatiously inscribed with the name of a woman in whose memory everyone must stand with bowed head.

Edith Cavell sleeps here, within a few miles of the little Norfolk village in which she first saw the light; and Norfolk has not failed to honour her noble daughter, and that in a manner that must be most suitable to the gracious memory of the sleeper in Life's Green.

It is rather interesting to find that this great Englishwoman lies close to the spot selected for the proposed new chapel which is to be added to the Cathedral in memory of the Norfolk men who fell in the Great War.

Ivan Adair.



Sir Lambert H. Ormsby, whose death is reported in another column.

THE CHRISTMAS PROBLEM.

(BY A BACHELOR.)

To every man who does not possess a wife and family—or, at any rate, a family in the shape of a "home"—a tremendous question presents itself year by year. That question is: What shall I do for Christmas? Every year the month of December is made absolutely miserable for him, for all during that month, or at least during the first twenty-four days of it, he is seeking the solution to the insoluble puzzle. Some lucky people can "go away." I must confess that I have only a vague idea of what "going away" means; myself, I have never been fortunate enough to be able to go away, but I fancy those who are placed in that happy position experience all the fictionary joys of Christmas.

In recent years I have found that the Christmas problem has been increasingly difficult. After the postman has come and gone—or not come and gone—there has been nothing to look forward to except a day of absolute blankness. One can, perhaps, spend the day creeping round the town, looking in wistfully through the windows of others at their decorations and envying the times they are having. In the evening there will probably be dinner at some hotel or another where there is a waiter who has been unlucky enough to strike Christmas duty, and after that a crawl home to bed.

Last year the puzzle solved itself suddenly and unexpectedly. One day before Christmas I retired to bed with pleurisy. I do not like diseases of any kind, but I feel bound to admit that this particular scourge attacked me at the time when I least grudged its onslaught. When I cast my mind over the experiences of previous years, I can be almost grateful to this affliction.

One Christmas I tried to read about Scrooge; I burnt in my fury my copy of "A Christmas Carol." Another Christmas cost me my edition of "Pickwick." This year I am reduced to despair. The friends I have at my club will have gone each one to his home; there will be at the club on Christmas Night, in all probability, a dance, but I shall not be bidden: it is the night that our excellent club servants will disport themselves, and the wretched lost member must make himself scarce. There is, I fear, but one thing for me to do, and I must do it. On December 24th I shall withdraw to my bed. I do not profess to know whether the pleurisy will follow me there or not, but, at all events, I shall not rise from my bed until December 26th.

INTER-UNIVERSITY HOCKEY MATCH.

A Group of the Players in the Dublin and Aberdeen Inter-University Hockey Match in College Park, Dublin, yesterday.

An Incident in the Game.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN THE POST.

Busy Scene at Amiens Street (Dublin) Post Office dealing with the Christmas Presents.

A BIG CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Christmas Party at the Children's Hospital in Harcourt Street, Dublin, yesterday.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

A RACE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

EASY WIN FOR CLASHING ARMS.

SILVO'S FINISHED DISPLAY.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Friday Night.

Everyone has been so intent on watching the race for the National Hunt Jockey Championship between Fred Rees and James Hogan that they did not notice a candidate drawing up on the outside, who now looks very dangerous, and who in the last furlong may pull out a bit of speed which will land him a winner on New Year's eve.

This is the amateur rider, Captain Bennett, who, by scoring a point at Lingfield this afternoon, when his rivals drew a second apiece, brought himself within one of Hogan and two of Rees in the championship. Were Captain Bennett by any chance to come out on top, it would, I think, be the first time for many years that an amateur had ridden more winners in England in a season than any of his professional rivals. I have not, unfortunately, the records by me at the moment, but I do not think that Jack Anthony as an amateur ever headed the list.

Without wishing any harm to such excellent fellows as Rees and Hogan, many people would like to see Captain Bennett come out on top just for the sake of the encouragement it would give to amateur riders, who are so universally sneered at. It is not so long ago that both Captain Bennett and Major Doyle were derided as bumpers, but the tune has been changed this year. There was a time when the amateur riders were top dogs in cross-country sport, and in the days when George Lambton, Percy Bewicke, the brothers Beasley, and a dozen others whose names will readily come to mind, were riding regularly they could more than hold their own with the professional riders. Nowadays it needs a great deal of moral courage for an amateur rider to get up at all.

Captain Bennett's win this afternoon was on Mebos, a cast-off from Mr. James White's stable, who is now trained by Gilbert Bennett. Starting favourite, he beat Codford very easily in the Cobham Selling Hurdle.

Hogan was a trifle unlucky not to have drawn level with Rees to-day. He rode a very strong favourite in Earl Marshall in the Winter Handicap Hurdle, but Scapin, who had been disqualified at Plumpton, just got up to beat him by a head. Red City, who is now trained by Kelly at Gravesend, ran here, but was entirely unfancied.

DEPRESSING CONDITIONS.

It was a most miserable and depressing day at Lingfield. Snow fell throughout the afternoon; indeed, it had been falling all the morning, and the Executive only opened the gates to the public when it was time for the numbers to go up for the first race.

Both Clashing Arms and Silvo won their races. Hawker was absent, but Southampton turned out to oppose Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony's horse. Southampton is now tubed, but the operation can hardly be said to have improved him, for he never saw the way his rival went this afternoon. Clashing Arms pulled his way to the front at once, and won on a tight rein. This easy course is ideally suited to a horse of his temperament, and he beat Southampton as easily as he did Turkey Buzzard here last spring. Had it been a stiffer course he might have come close, for, as is so often the case with him, he chanced more than one of the fences. His admirers were able to support him too, for the Ring only asked for odds of 11 to 8.

In the Covertside Steeplechase Silvo had five opponents, and, with odds of 2 to 1 laid on him, he slammed them, jumping all the way through in his usual finished manner.

GERALD L. FIT AGAIN.

To-morrow we shall see Gerald L make his reappearance by winning, I hope, the Southern Steeplechase. Major Scott Murray, who has him on lease from Mr. D. O'M. Leahy, has publicly announced that he would not be run if he were not fit. He has not been seen on a racecourse since he pulled up lame after winning at Hurst Park on the eve of the Grand National. He was turned out for the summer, but was taken up in October, and has done a bit of good work in the last two months. Forewarned does not run against him, but Tom Crow does, and has a big advantage in the weights. I expect, however, to see GERALD L win. In the Ashdown Hurdle PERAHARA seems to have a big chance, and, in the absence of Maxtoi, ALCAZAR may win the Year's End Handicap Steeplechase.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

LINGFIELD.

1.0 Race—5 to 2 agst. Lifebuoy, 7 to 2 Ilma Demurska, 9 to 2 Petty Cury, 11 to 2 Brother Bill, 7 to 1 Fair Charlie, 8 to 1 each Manrico and Prince Oliver, 10 to 1 Double Dahlia, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race—6 to 4 agst. Irish Cheer, 5 to 2 Olive Bough, 7 to 2 Sir Eyre, 5 to 1 Loch o' Garr, 7 to 1 Far and Away, 8 to 1 each Governor Wood and Nadine, 100 to 8 any other.

2.0 Race—2 to 1 agst. Harrovian, 3 to 1 Noce D'Argent, 9 to 2 Perahara, 5 to 1 Tarpon, 7 to 1 Battle Cruiser, 8 to 1 Border Ranger, 10 to 1 Sunny Bill, 100 to 8 any other.

2.30 Race—11 to 8 agst. Ardgour, 9 to 4 Gerald L., 7 to 2 Hawker, 7 to 1 each Tom Crow and Alcazar, 8 to 1 Manby Gate, 10 to 1 any other.

3.0 Race—5 to 4 on Potheen, 3 to 1 agst. Phaco, 9 to 2 Goldsmith's Alliance, 6 to 1 Frills, 7 to 1 Ranter, 8 to 1 Plumada, 10 to 1 any other.

3.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. Lovely Bird, 11 to 4 Beggar's End, 7 to 2 Maxtoi, 5 to 1 Broadway, 7 to 1 Fair View, 8 to 1 Fibber, 100 to 8 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

LINGFIELD.

1.0 —Lifebuoy.
1.30—Olive Branch.
2.0 —Harrovian.
2.30—Hawker.
3. 0—Potheen.
3.30—Lovely Bird.
DOUBLE—Lifebuoy (nap) and Potheen.

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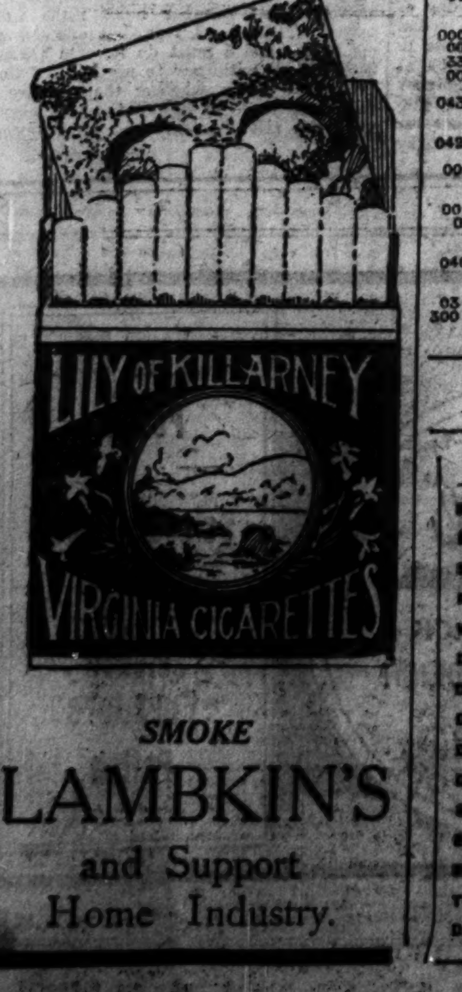

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LINGFIELD RESULTS.

1.0—COWDEN (S.) STEEPLECHASE of £150. 2 m.
Mr. J. Wood's ch. g. TIM, by McYardley—Or Vierge, 13, 11-4 ......T. Costello 1
Mr. Tattersall's NED CARVER, 9, 11-4 ...L. Rees 2
Capt. de Trafford's SOUTH LODGE, 12, 11-4 ......Brooks 3
Also ran—Ballinahown (Wall), Ralyan (Fitzgerald). Off 1.1. (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—6 to 4 each agst. South Lodge and Ned Carver, 3 to 1 TIM, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by two lengths; half a length.
The winner was bought in for 140 gns.

1.30—CROWHURST ALL-AGED HURDLE of £200. 2 m.
Mr. Beer's b. c. RADIANT RIVER, by Radium—Mary Tavy, 4, 11-12 ......F. Wootton 1
Mr. Collins's LONG CORRIE, 5, 12-9 ...F. Rees 2
Mr. Savill's LANCING, 3, 10-0 ......A. Smith 3
Also ran—Telepathy (J. Burns), Mislein (Harrigan), Square Section (Rennison), Wittol (Capt. Bennett), Lionceau (J. Kelly), Lancaster Rose (Mr. Lerwell), Bright's Boy (A. Escott), Marmond (Binnall), Roving Eye (W. Clark). Off 1.32. (Winner trained by Leach, jun.)
Betting—11 to 10 agst. RADIANT RIVER, 5 to 2 Long Corrie, 3 to 1 Bright's Boy, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by three lengths; two lengths.

2.0—OPEN STEEPLECHASE of £300. 3 m.
Colonel W. Anthony's br. g. CLASHING ARMS, by St. Martin—Glen Inch, 8, 11-10 ......J. Anthony 1
Lord Woolavington's SOUTHAMPTON, 7, 11-10 ......A. Robson 2
Off 2.0. (Winner trained by Anthony.)
Betting—11 8 on CLASHING ARMS.
Won by six lengths.

2.30—COBHAM THREE-YEAR-OLD (S.) HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.
Mrs. Bennett's b. c. MEBOS, by Polymelus—Bola, 10-5 ......Capt. Bennett 1
Sir H. Bird's CODFORD, 10-5 ......Lefebvre 2
Mr. Frame's DASH O' WHITE, 10-5 ...F. Rees 3
Also ran—Cheap Talk (D. Dick), Household Brigade (Mr. Gosden), Ariane (Vignall), Polydeuces (W. Smallpiece), Montague (A. Escott). Off 2.28. (Winner trained by G. Bennett.)
Betting—7 to 4 agst. MEBOS, 3 to 1 Montague, 9 to 2 Codford, 6 to 1 Dash o' White, 100 to 8 bar four.
Won by four lengths; two lengths.
The winner was bought in for 150 gns.

3.0—WINTER HANDICAP HURDLE of £200. 2 m.
Mr. Boutall's b. h. SCAPIN, by Louvois—Lady Mischief, 4, 10-4 ......Espin 1
Mrs. Blain's EARL MARSHALL, 7, 10-7 ......J. Hogan, jun. 2
Mr. Kershaw's MOONBEAM, 8, 11-0 ......J. Anthony 3
Also ran—Hassock (F. Wootton), Boddam (A. Escott), Charles Surface (A. Robson), Red City (P. Fleming), Euphrosynus (L. Rees), Yahna (Tighe), Brandyball (T. Carey), Mullaghmast (Clark), Redmer (Capt. Bennett), Doctor Quill (F. Mason). Off 2.58. (Winner trained by Earl.)
Betting—9 to 4 agst. Earl Marshall, 5 to 1 each SCAPIN, Redmer and Moonbeam, 6 to 1 Charles Surface, 7 to 1 Boddam, 100 to 8 bar six.
Won by a head; half a length.

3.30—COVERT SIDE 'CHASE of £150. 2 m.
Mr. Midwood's b. g. SILVO, by Minster—Ever True, 7, 11-11 ......A. Escott 1
Capt. Vivian's HUGH O'NEILL, 6, 10-11 ......A. Robson 2
Mr. J. Wood's AMMONAL, 6, 11-11 T. Costello 3
Also ran—Morganatic Marriage (Mr. Chapman), Esmond II. (W. Fitzgerald), Reahills (Capt. Bennett). Off 3.28. (Winner trained by Whitaker.)
Betting—2 to 1 on SILVO, 5 to 1 agst. Morganatic Marriage, 6 to 1 Reahills, 100 to 6 bar three.
Won by three lengths; a head.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

The programme was carried through yesterday despite inclement weather, and presumably an attempt will be made to do so to-day. The weather appears to be on the change, and by the morning the frost may have disappeared. It is to be hoped that it will, for quite an attractive programme is provided. Selections:—

Surrey Hurdle—**Wise Girsha.**
St. Piers Steeplechase—**Olive Bough.**
Ashdown Hurdle—***Perahara.**
Southern Steeplechase—**Ardgour.**
Hever Hurdle—**Goldsmith's Alliance.**
Year's End Steeplechase—**Maxtoi.**

[The figures in front of the names of the horses are an index to placings in their last three engagements—reading from right to left; (s) signifies started slowly.]

1.0—SURREY (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE of £150. 2 m.
013 MANRICO (Mrs. Bennett) ......Bennett a 12 5
322 PETTY CURY (Mr. T. Hartigan) ......Kemp 5 12 2
431 LIFE BUOY (Mr. Arnold) D. Harrison a 12 0
212 BROTHER BILL (Miss Poole) ...Poole a 11 13
4 WISE GIRSHA (Mr. T. Taaffe) Roberts 6 11 13
LONE WOLF (Mr. Dollar) ......W. Payne 5 11 12
000 SEA VOYAGE (Mr. Blythe) ......J. Nightingall a 11 11
300 SILVANUS (Lt.-Col. Parkinson) ......Reardon 4 11 11
440 BOURTON DUCK (Mr. Whitehead) ......W. Nightingall 5 11 9
000 SPECULATOR (Mr. Hackett) Hackett 5 11 8
110 GLEN EAGLE (Mr. Edge) ......Poole 6 11 8
000 DONDONALD (Mrs. Bennett) Bennett 5 11 7
030 DOCTOR MYRAM (Mr. B. Knight) ......Doyle 6 11 7
300 NONENTITY (Mr. Edge) ......Poole a 11 7
000 MONKEY CLIMB (Mr. B. Jones) ......Stubbs a 11 6
220 FINANCIER (Mr. Larkin) ......Larkin 6 11 5
141 ILMA DEMURSKA (Mr. Prince) ......H. Hedges 5 11 4
00 STAR OF HOPE (Lt.-Col. Jicklin) ......Kemp 6 11 4
030 SANCHO PANZA (Ld. Killeen) Kirk 6 11 4
200 DAMAR (Mr. Fitton) ......Fitton 6 11 4
022 PRINCE OLIVER (Mr. Langlands) ......Langlands 4 11 3
ROCK DRILL (Mrs. T. Greenwood) ......Moss a 11 2
100 LONDON PRIDE (Mr. Edge) ...Poole a 11 2
032 CUMBERLAND (Mr. Rocke) ...Tagg 6 11 2
300 MARASKIN (Mr. M. Rhodes) ......M. Rhodes 4 11 0
000 SANDART (Mr. A. Law) ......Law 5 11 0
000 HELSDELITE (Capt. R. Hastings) ......Butchers 5 10 13
00 FOLLOW MY LEADER (Mr. Russell) ......Russell 4 10 12
200 RORY O'NEILL (Mr. D. Barnett) ......H. Hedges 4 10 12
430 FAIR CHARLIE (Mr. J. White) Walls 4 10 10
000 BACHELOR'S FAVOURITE (Mr. Stevens) ......Stevens a 10 10
000 COLUMBUS (Mr. Geering) ...Turner 7 10 10
300 CLAYGATE (Mr. Villotti) ...W. Payne a 10 9
0 BUFFER (Mr. Hackett) ......Hackett 5 10 9
000 DOCTOR QUILL (Mr. Chest) ...Clancy 4 10 9
000 DOUBLE DAHLIA (Mr. Hitchcock) ......H. Turner 4 10 8
000 JAEDEN (Ld. Denman) ......Poole a 10 8
000 JOLI COEUR (Mr. Jackson) ...Bradford a 10 2
004 PARAMOUNT CHIEF (Mr. Stacey) ......Dale 3 10 0

1.30—ST. PIERS (S.) HANDICAP 'CHASE of £150. 2 m.
121 PROVIDENCE (5lb. ex.) (Mr. Curtis) ......Poole 5 13 5
221 TIM (Mr. J. Wood) ......J. Wood a 12 0
331 NED CARVER (5lb. ex.) (Mr. Tattersall) ......Poole a 11 10
100 GOVERNOR WOOD (Mr. Well) ......W. Nightingall a 11 9
440 GAPPIE (Col. Croft) ......Law 6 11 7
000 FAR AND AWAY (Col. Croft) ...Law a 11 5
104 SIR EYRE (Mr. J. Wood) ...J. Wood a 11 3
203 LOCH O' GARR (Capt. Vivian) ...Gore a 11 2
20 OLIVE BOUGH (Mrs. Bennett) Bennett 6 10 11
331 IRISH CHEER (Mr. Fitton) ...Fitton a 10 9
000 FITZPICTON (Mr. Goby) ......Goby 5 10 8
000 GALLIVANT (Miss Moir) ......Private 6 10 8
214 RED FINCH (Mr. Hudson) ......Private a 10 7
001 NADINE (Mr. Tomlinson)...Tomlinson a 10 7
040 POLYPHEMUS (Mr. Taaffe) ...Roberts 5 10 7
200 ADALEW (Mr. Pearson) ......H. Turner 5 10 5
004 ARCHBISHOP (Mrs. Stevens)...Stevens a 10 0
433 HILL OF CAMAS (Mr. Jackson) ......Bradford a 10 0
240 CAPTAIN SCOTT (Capt. Huzzett) ......Hastings a 10 0

2.0—ASHDOWN JUVENILE HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.
120 FIRST MAGIC (Mrs. Peel) ......Poole 11 7
033 FORMIDABLE (Ld. Cawley) ......Powell 10 12
14 BORDER RANGER (Mr. Gregson) ......C. Young 10 12
021 HARROVIAN (Mr. W. Nightingall) ......W. Nightingall 10 12
231 PLUMADO (Mr. C. Parish) ......Powell 10 12
1 DUNIN (Mr. A. Scott) ......A. Scott 10 12
000 BRAHMIN (Mr. B. Smith) ......Fitzgerald 10 12
000 LAUGHING CAVALIER (Mr. Baker) ......Martin 10 9
0 SCOTTISH ELEGANCE (Mr. Barlow) ......Riste 10 7
040 ORANGE RIVER (Mr. Barton) W. Payne 10 7
043 MEBOS (Mrs. Bennett) ......G. Bennett 10 7
00 MY RAMBLER (Miss Brewer) ......Goby 10 7
JOLLY BUTCHER (Mr. Cameron) ......Cameron 10 7
02 PERAHARA (Mr. Collins) ......Bennett 10 7
022 BATTLE CRUISER (Sir W. de Frece) ......Pope 10 7
00 IMPERIAL (Mr. Gant) ......Tabor 10 7
UNCLE BONES (Mr. Goldwater) ......Hammond 10 7
000 TUNMORE (Mr. J. Harris) ......Hymns 10 7
00 TELEMACHUS (Mr. Jeffrey) ......Earl 10 7
33 TARPON (Mr. H. King) ...Leach, jun. 10 7
00 GOLD WILLOW (Mr. Miller) ......Earl 10 7
WHITETHREAD (Mr. J. Moss) ...Bletsoe 10 7
043 TIBET (Mr. Neiks) ......Gore 10 7
SUNNY BILL (Mr. Pearse) ...Woodman 10 7
GNIOCCHI (Mrs. Stevens) ......Stevens 10 7
042 TRANQUILITY (Mrs. Whitehead) ......W. Nightingall 10 7
00 FOREMAN (Mr. Wood) ......Killalee 10 7
NOCE D'ARGENT (Mr. S. Cohen) ......Wootton 10 7
00 FLIGHTY (Mrs. Bennett) ......Bennett 10 2
0 WHIPPING-BOY (Mr. Cummins) ......Woodman 10 2
SANTRY SURE (Mrs. Goodman) Lerwill 10 2
040 SCALLYWAG (Mr. A. Harris) ......Private 10 2
JUNGLE FIRE (Col. Hughes) Scorefield 10 2
OPTIMUS (Mr. Kite) ......Batho 10 2
03 ICARUS (Mr. O. Rayner) ......East 10 2
300 LANCING (Mr. H. Savill) ......Savill 10 2
GILDED PUFF (Mr. Thirlwell)...Clancy 10 2

2.30—SOUTHERN HANDICAP 'CHASE of £500. 3 m.
111 GERALD L. (Maj. Murray) ......Gwill a 12 7
000 FOREWARNED (Mr. Banks) Hastings a 12 2
121 HAWKER (Mr. T. Bennett) ......Wootton a 12 0
122 ALCAZAR (Mr. W. McAlpine) Poole a 11 12
104 CLONREE (Mrs. Blain) ......Spittle a 11 7
120 MASK MAN (Mr. Platt) ...F. Hartigan a 11 3
131 SIR HUON (Ld. Woolavington) ...Gore a 11 0
0 TOM CROW (Ld. Queenborough) Gore 6 10 10
400 SQUARE UP (Mr. Read) ......Gooch a 10 10
222 ARDGOUR (Mr. Platt) ...F. Hartigan a 10 11
001 MANBY GATE (Sir M. McAlpine) ......Poole a 10 0

3.0—HEVER HANDICAP HURDLE of £150 (amateur riders). 2 m.
221 REDHILL (Mr. V. Thompson) ......F. Hartigan 4 12 0
212 PHACO (Lord Westmorland) ......Westmorland a 12 1
0 TREBLE SCOTCH (Mr. Gore) ...Gore 7 12 0
010 AEROLITE (Lady Kirk) ......Kirk 6 12 0
2 SHOTMAKER (Lord Queenborough) ......Gore a 12 0
000 SANS DOUTE (Mr. Saunders) Clement 5 11 11
0 FETHERNADALE (Mr. Trainor) ......Wootton 4 11 8
4 ANNAM (Mr. B. Warner) ......Bletsoe 4 11 8
00 LANCASTER ROSE (Mr. Ringwood) ......Wootton 4 11 8
224 EUPHROSYNUS (Mr. S. Dennis) Poole 5 11 4
231 PLUMADO (Mr. C. Parish) ......Powell 5 11 2
000 FRILLS (Mr. Poole) ......Poole 6 11 1
024 ORMSKIRK (Mr. Frankland) ......Law 7 11 1
012 GOLDSMITH'S ALLIANCE (Mr. Chalcraft) ......Riste 4 11 0
030 SHIPWRECK (Mr. S. Moss) ......Larkin 5 11 0
043 TROIKA (Mrs. Stevens) ......Stevens a 11 0
003 MALDEN LAD (Mr. Tinckman) Private 4 10 10
342 POTHEEN (Ld. Londesborough) ......H. Brown 5 10 9
002 RANTER (Mr. Larkin) ......Larkin 7 10 7
000 JAEDEN (Ld. Denman) ......Poole 7 10 7
000 GLENEFFY (Mr. Bristow) ......Private 9 10 6
00 CUTTY SARK (Mr. Reardon) ...Reardon 6 10 5

3.30—YEAR'S END HANDICAP 'CHASE of £200. 3 m.
122 ALCAZAR (Mr. W. McAlpine) ...Poole 7 12 7
210 BEGGAR'S END (Ld. Queenborough) ......Gore 8 12 7
111 MAXTOI (Mr. Platt) ......F. Hartigan 8 11 12
112 IRISH LIGHT (Mrs. Law) ......Law 8 11 6
00 NEIL BOY (Mr. Gent) ......Tabor 6 11 4
000 WHITE BONALD (Mr. R. McAlpine) ......Poole 9 11 2
023 BROADWAY (Mr. H. Green) ...McKie 8 11 1
003 LOVELY BIRD (Mr. Knight) ...Killalee 6 10 10
401 FIBBER (Mr. Clancy) ......Clancy 7 10 9
013 FAIR VIEW (Miss Black) ...J. Woods 9 10 8
224 WHAT LUCK (Mr. Hymns) ...Hymns 6 10 8
010 ST. FLAVIEN (Maj. Harrison) Powell 6 10 5
000 RIFLEMAN (Lt.-Col. Douglas-Pennant) ......W. Payne 5 10 1
000 HONEY COT (Mr. Anson) ......W. Nightingall 5 10 0
010 GREEK VINE (Mrs. Woolsey) J. Wood 6 10 0

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

The partnership in Desmond Dale has terminated.

The polo season at Cannes will open on January 15, and continue till the middle of April.

The Jockey Club has agreed to sell to the Newmarket Urban Council land near the racecourse for the construction of a new road.

The Registry Office of the Turf Club and the I.N.H.S. Committee will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday next.

The Statutory general meetings of the Turf Club and of the I.N.H.S.C. will be held on January 7th, at 9 Hume street, whither the Registry Office will be transferred on January 1st.

Mr. J. J. Parkinson, trainer, acting on behalf of Mr. J. S. Graham, has negotiated the sale of the well-known performer, Knight of Greenane, by The White Knight, out of Soldier's Daughter, to the American sportsman, Mr. W. Hogan. The gelding leaves the Curragh in a few days en route to America. Mr. Hogan, it may be mentioned, hailed from Co. Limerick, and he has obtained very satisfactory results with the bloodstock which he has purchased in Ireland.

At a badger dig in Hawling Brake, Glos., last week, the working terrier, Hucclecote Ducal, was put down in a big earth at 10.30 a.m. He found at once (says the *Field*), and was dug to until dark, but as the terrier and his quarry were a long way in they had to be left. The earth was visited at 10.30 p.m., when the dog was heard baying merrily. At eight o'clock next morning he was sitting outside the earth, a very tired but still game little dog, and refused to leave the spot until his owner arrived.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Derby Stakes, Epsom, 1924—Friarsdale and Tjandi.

Home-Bred Three-Year-Old Cup, Gatwick; Waterford Stakes, Ascot; Bickerstaffe Plate, Liverpool; Clumber Plate, Nottingham, and Eaton Maiden Stakes, Chester, 1924—Friarsdale.

Breeders' St. Leger, Derby; Royal Plate, Newbury; Great Breeders' Midland Plate, Nottingham; Greenham Plate, Newbury, and Sledmere Plate, York, 1924—Tjandi.

LEOPARDSTOWN MEETING.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 and 27.

ORDER OF RUNNING.

FIRST DAY.

Stand Plate	1 15	Tower Steeplechase	2 45
Stewards' Hurdle..	1 45	St. Stephen's	
Newtown Hurdle..	2 15	Steeplechase	3 15

SECOND DAY.

Three-Year-Old		Foxrock S'chase ...	2 15
Hurdle	1 15	Bray Steeplechase..	2 45
Stillorgan S'chase..	1 45	Corinthian Plate...	3 15

LIMERICK MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Greenpark Plate...	1 15	St. Stephen's Day	
Christmas Plate...	1 45	Plate	2 45
Holiday Plate......	2 15	Directors' Plate ...	3 15

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1923.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th AND 27th.

FIRST RACE EACH DAY 1.15 p.m.

A train, with reserved carriages for Members, leaves Harcourt street Station at 12.30 p.m. each day.

Carriages for Members will also be reserved on the Special Train leaving Foxrock at 3.35 p.m. each day after racing is over. Members will only be admitted to reserved carriages on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a Member, tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure, can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the Course: Gentlemen 2 gns., Ladies 5/6 per day.

Combined Tickets for Course and Enclosures (except Club Enclosure) can be obtained at the Booking Offices at Harcourt street Station on the days of racing.—(Advt.)

Teams:—

DEATH OF WILLIAM RUFUS.

SIRE OF THE WINNERS OF NEARLY 500 RACES.

The *Irish Field* of to-day contains an exhaustive account of the racing and stud career of the stallion William Rufus, who died recently at Mr. Parkinson's stud farm at Maddenstown, Curragh. Our allied publication says that King's Common, who was so unlucky to lose the Irish Derby of 1914, was the best son of William Rufus, and that in the great finish between them Donoghue's superior jockeyship on Land of Song was the cause of the defeat by the narrow margin of a head of King's Common, who prior to taking part in the classic had been galloped with the Baldoyle Derby winner, Irawaddy, to whom he proved superior by 21lb. or more. William Rufus, who was bred by Mr. Musker in England, won in stakes at two and three years of age £5,391, and he had winners in no less than 16 countries—viz., Ireland, England, Austria, Hungary, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, Roumania, Russia, and South Africa, the successes of his stock totalling 497 races worth £93,396. Mr. Parkinson bought William Rufus in 1917, and he has said that not a single one of his sons which passed through his hands failed to earn a bracket.

William Rufus, who was a son of Melton, went to the stud in England in 1905, but in 1906 Mr. Musker leased him to go to Hungary, in which country he stood during the seasons 1907, 1908, and 1909. In a few seasons in Austria and Hungary his progeny accounted for 157 races worth nearly £32,000. In England and Ireland their winnings totalled 156 races worth nearly £26,000, while in South Africa they put together 74 races worth nearly £17,000. In Roumania the stallion was represented by Bandit, the best stayer of his time in that portion of Europe; he won seven high-class races worth £3,625. In South Africa Pamphlett won nine races worth over £5,000. He was the crack performer of his time, and up to 1¼m. was capable of conceding substantial weight to every horse that opposed him. Among the successes he gained were those in the Johannesburg Summer Handicap and the Durban July Handicap. In Brazil, Beatrice won £3,150 in stakes. The full story of the achievements of the stock of William Rufus in the various countries in which they ran is told in the *Irish Field* of to-day. William Rufus was 23 years of age.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily News:—Double—Noce D'Argent and Ardgour.
Daily Graphic:—Double — Border Ranger and Tom Crow.
Daily Express:—Double — Life Buoy and Ardgour. Safety bet—Ardgour (to win).
Daily Chronicle:—Double — Ardgour and Maxtoi. "To Beat the Book"—Ardgour.
Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Gerald L. Double—Life Buoy and Gerald L.
Daily Mirror:—Double — Hawker and Broadway.
Daily Mail:—Special selection—Perahara.

RUGBY.

LEINSTER V. MUNSTER.

The following team has been selected to represent Leinster v. Munster on Friday, 4th January, 1924, at Lansdowne road, at 3 o'clock sharp:—

Full-back—(1), J. Ballagh (Bective).

Three-quarters—Wings—(2), A. P. Atkins (Bective), (3), D. Cussen (D.U.). Centres—(4), M. Sugden (D.U.), (5) J. B. Ganly (Monkstown).

Half-backs—Scrum—(6), J. Clarke (Bective). Outside—(7), J. Barrington (Clontarf).

Forwards—(8), J. D. Clinch (D.U.), (9), W. R. Collis (Wanderers), (10), W. Collopy (Bective), (11), R. Collopy (Bective), (12), R. Crichton (D.U.) (capt.), (13), R. D. Gray (Old Wesley), (14), C. Hallaran (Wanderers), (15), I. Stuart (D.U.).

Players will please notify, without delay, their acceptance or otherwise to the Hon. Secretary, Glenmalr, Palmerston road.

LEINSTER JUNIOR TRIAL TEAMS.

For the Leinster Junior Inter-provincial Trial Match at Lansdowne road on Friday, December 28, at 2.15, the following teams have been selected:—

TOWN CLUBS.

Full-back—T. Hewitt (Lansdowne) (capt.).

Three-quarters—Baker (D.U.), Brett (Monkstown), Buckley (U.C.), Dodds (Lansdowne).

Half-backs—Bohane (Wanderers), Murray (Wanderers).

Forwards—Dagge (R.S.P.U.), Darling (Wanderers), Early (Lansdowne), L. Egan (Bective), A. H. Pike (D.U.), Quinlivan (R.S.P.U.), Speedy (D.U.), Todd (Monkstown).

Subs—Westropp, Barnett, Byrne, Scales, Nunns, Bardon, Herd, Bennett.

COUNTRY CLUBS.

Full-back—Allesbury (Edenderry).

Three-quarters—W. Mordaunt (Bray), W. V. Jackson (Co. Meath), H. R. Rogers (Kilkenny), Dr. G. A. Lynch (Drogheda).

Half-backs—G. Rae (Bray), J. Melrose (Carlow).

Forwards—K. H. Anderson (Carlow), T. Crean (Dundalk), W. T. Candell (Kilkenny), F. A. Doyne (Co. Meath), C. Lett (Enniscorthy), G. Lett (Enniscorthy), A. O'Leary (Bray), H. G. Warren (Gorey).

Subs—Butler (Co. Meath), Stanley (Drogheda), Mitchell (Enniscorthy), Manning (Drogheda), Murdock, Blackburne, Armstrong.

SCOTTISH TRIAL TEAMS.

For the Trial Match at Inverleith, Edinburgh, the following are the teams:—

Scotland—D. Drysdale (Heriotonians); C. E. Macintosh (London Scottish), A. L. Gracie (Harlequins), E. McLaren (London Scottish), W. M. Simmers (Glasgow Academicals); H. Waddell (Glasgow Academicals), J. A. Selby (Watsonians); J. M. Bannerman (Glasgow H.S.), J. C. R. Buchanan (Stewart's College), R. Howie (Kirkcaldy), D. M. Bertram (Watsonians), D. S. Kerr (Heriotonians), W. Dobson (Glasgow Academicals), T. G. Rennie (London Scottish), R. C. Henderson (Newcastle Northern).

Rest of Scotland—T. Waddell (Gala); I. S. Smith (Oxford University), G. P. S. Macpherson (Oxford University), F. A. Gardiner (Cambridge University), J. H. Carmichael (Watsonians); A. C. Wallace (Oxford University), W. E. Bryce (Selkirk); D. Davies (Hawick), L. M. Stuart (Glasgow H.S.), D. J. MacMyn (Cambridge University), K. Hendrie (Heriotonians), A. C. Gillies (Watsonians), J. Beattie (Gala), A. Rees (Kilmarnock), J. W. Scott (Stewart's College).

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Owing to holidays only three Senior matches have been arranged for this afternoon, and the best of these is likely to be the Lansdowne v. Bective Rangers game at Lansdowne road. Palmerston play Wanderers at Milltown, and Clontarf meet Old Wesley at Castle avenue. To-day's matches start at 2.30 o'clock.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

Lansdowne — W. E. Crawford; V. Harris, D. McWeeney, S. Hogan, H. Scales; D. Robertson, P. Randel; B. Cairnduff, L. Healy, W. Keogh, J. McEnery, P. Parr, E. Pemberton, T. Pike, P. Whitty.

Lansdowne 2nd — C. Hewatt; J. Murray, T. Haddon, R. Barrett, N. Falkiner; G. Dodds, L. Heaney; F. Conroy, J. Isaacson, C. Poulter, J. Robertson, P. Rooney, J. Rooney, T. Travers, C. Wilson.

Bective Rangers—G. Doyle; A. Atkins, Dr. Roddy, M. O'Meara, S. Ballagh; C. Meldon, J. Clarke; J. D. Egan, W. P. Collopy, E. Collopy, E. Powell, Rev. R. Walker, L. Egan, A. Wade, D. Ryan.

Palmerston—V. E. Kirwan; H. McB. Campbell, T. L. Jolly, G. C. Taylor, R. T. McGinty; E. T. Wellwood, B. D. Stephens; G. Dallaghan, J. Armstrong, S. V. Kirwan, J. E. Kerr, C. E. Macaulay, J. V. Lochtie, W. J. Hazlett, W. R. Van der Kiste.

Palmerston 2nd—S. Henchie; J. T. Blunden, G. W. Lochtie, W. H. Jolley, J. H. Smith; F. H. Lane, J. McC. Calvert; J. Burrowes, H. E. P. Anderson, V. Campbell, B. A. H. Halliday, A. C. Gill, T. Stephens, J. A. Thompson, H. Draper.

Wanderers—D. S. Imrie; F. S. Poff, D. Kennedy, S. J. Halpin, Rev R. Watson; D. Sanderson, J. O. Cherry; C. H. Ackland, R. W. F. Allen, H. R. Bardon, R. W. Collis, F. E. Beckett, A. J. England, N. Potterton (capt.), D. T. Young.

Wanderers 2nd—V. Brown; H. L. Dixon, H. J. Rose, C. F. Higginbottom, H. Hillyard; P. Murray, K. Bohane; H. Buchanan, M. D'Alton, J. O'D. Egan, D. Evans, A. J. Fisher, J. Ogilvie, J. Power, R. D. F. Ryland.

Clontarf—G. S. Nowlan; W. L. Freeman, J. H. Hopkins, B. Buckley, J. E. Allen; N. H. Cooke, P. McGrath; D. B. Hourihan, M. J. McMahon, S. Barrett, T. P. Carey, E. Roche, P. O'Reilly, J. Roche, F. Bradley.

Clontarf 2nd—R. H. Freany, A. J. Hare, A. Browne, J. Breen, A. Healy; F. O'Connor, H. J. Gibson; T. J. Mercier, O'S. Roche, C. R. Wall, W. Ribton, D. Butler, W. Anderson, R. C. Brown, M. J. Walsh.

Blackrock College B—A. J. McMullen; J. L. McLaughlin, T. L. McMullen, T. A. Moriarty, L. Brady, A. Kelly, F. McMullen; J. Keating, S. Keogh, B. Russell, T. Coughlan, J. McMullen, W. Power, E. Maguire, P. McGlown.

Malahide—T. Long; G. Smith, J. Pembrey, C. McCreadie, J. McCreadie; F. Parkes, C. Wilson; V. Stack, M. Hendy, D. Dickie, P. Hartford, J. McCullagh, J. Leonard, S. Wilson, J. Twain.

Civil Service (N.I.)—T. Shanks; T. W. Cathcart, F. C. Hyde, H. Siggins, F. Hunter; H. Ruben, J. Dunn; W. Jebb (capt), H. Frame, J. Deeves, S. Deacon, G. Bennett, C. Brown, S. J. Johnson, A. N. Other.

Old Wesley—H. F. Kapp; W. H. Glanville, E. W. Massey, V. K. Bailey, W. A. Latimer; E. O. Holland, E. R. Tombe, R. D. Gray, E. R. Barrett, G. G. Alexander, D. S. Alley, A. Love, B. E. Gentleman, E. T. Bray, R. Bennett.

Old Wesley 2nd—A. C. McGowan; M. J. McGowan, E. Tampling, W. W. Smith, E. Kendall; W. Patton, S. W. Johnston; P. Keogan, A. T. I. Forde, A. Anketell, A. E. Hewardine, R. Johnston, T. J. Johnston, W. J. O'Donnell, S. H. MacQuitty.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Lansdowne v. Bective Rangers. Lansdowne road. Mr. G. Exshaw.
Clontarf v. Old Wesley. Castle avenue. Mr. J. H. Miles.
Palmerston v. Wanderers. Milltown. Mr. H. Hill.
Collegians v. North of Ireland (U.L.). Belfast.
Old Wesley 2nd v. R. and S.P.U. (J.L.). Donnybrook.
Lansdowne 2nd v. Bective Rangers 2nd. Donnybrook.
Monkstown 2nd v. Clontarf 2nd. Sydney Parade.
Wanderers 2nd v. Palmerston 2nd (J.L.). Lansdowne road.
Derry v. Dungannon. Derry.
Clontarf 3rd v. Monkstown 3rd. Castle avenue.
R. and S.P.U. 2nd v. Lansdowne 3rd (M.L.). Park avenue.
Monkstown 3rd A. v. Palmerston 3rd A. Sydney Parade.
Wanderers 3rd v. Palmerston 3rd. Lansdowne road.
Civil Service (N.I.) v. Civil Service (I.F.S.). Stormont Castle, Belfast.
Blackrock College (B) v. Malahide. Williamstown.
Clontarf 3rd A v. Lansdowne 3rd A. Castle avenue.

INTER-SCHOOLS' MATCH, 1924.

The annual match between Irish schools and a XV. representing English public schoolboys, in Ireland, will take place at Lansdowne road, on Wednesday, January 9th, by the courtesy of the I.R.F.U., L.B.I.R.F.U., Wanderers and Lansdowne F.C.'s. Competitors for places on the English Schools' team should write at once to the Hon. Sec., Inter-Schools' Match, at No. 40 Trinity College, Dublin. All English public schoolboys who have not left school prior to the end of the Christmas Term, 1923, and who will be in Ireland during the second week in January, are eligible for this team, and should send the name of their school and the particulars of their play with the application.

MONKSTOWN CLUB.—North of Ireland Tour, 1923. Members travelling from Dublin are requested to meet outside the booking office, Amiens street Station, at 8.45 a.m. sharp on Wednesday, the 26th inst. The remainder of the team will rendezvous at the Imperial Hotel, Belfast, at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

BOXING.

GAINS v. BARRICK.

PARIS, Friday.

In a ten-round encounter between the Canadian boxer, Larry Gains, and Barrick, at Lyons, the decision went on points to Gains, who showed himself considerably the better man.

Civil Service (N.I.) v. Civil Service (I.F.S.). At Belfast. Players are requested to be at Amiens street Station at 8.50 a.m. sharp.

BADMINTON.

ELGIN CLUB.—There will be no play on Monday next.

Sandford Badminton Club will be open for play next Wednesday, December 26.

HUNTING.

REMINISCENCES AND RHYMES OF THE WARD HUNT.

A delightfully interesting book, and one that will make a strong appeal to hunting men, is that which has just been published under the title of "Reminiscences and Rhymes of the Ward Union Hunt." It is from the pen of "Jim" Brindley, who for half a century was huntsman to the famous pack of staghounds which has its headquarters at Ashbourne, in Co. Meath, and, though modestly disclaiming pretensions to undertake a work of the kind, he has acquitted himself remarkably well in his new rôle of author. As Mr. T. Levins Moore, the Master of the Hunt, says, in a foreword:—"'Jim' was modestly reluctant when requested to compile from his recollections and scrap books some items connected with the pack, with which he and his family have for so long been associated, but he has succeeded admirably in his task." The book is turned out in first-class style by the firm of Brindley and Son, Eustace street, Dublin, and it may be mentioned that any profits derived from its publication will be handed over to the Distemper Research Fund.

WARD UNION HOUNDS.

The tryst on Wednesday was at Flathouse. The outlying stag, which was reported to be in the vicinity, had, however, changed his quarters during the night, and accordingly a move was made to Wearingstown to enlarge as usual. Favoured with a good scent, the pack when laid on ran at a nice pace by Old Fairyhouse and Porterstown, leaving Boylan's gorse close by the right, across the Bog road to the Ten-mile Bush, where they checked by the main road when pointing for the Poorhouse. Jumping up from an over-grown ditch here, the deer crossed the Navan road into the Bush Farm, with the pack in view, and a fast hunt led by Parsonstown and through the slangs of Rathregan to the River Tolka, where, having "soiled" in the water, the deer retraced her tracks by Rathregan, and crossed the railway line near Batterstown, and broke the view. Leaving Batterstown village to the right, the pack ran hard over the Trim road into Cookstown, and, leaving the house to the left, they ran on by Reanstown fox covert and Ballymaglasson, nearly to Ribstown, before turning to the left by the Portrane road, and, running up to their quarry near the Hatchet, where a safe capture was effected by Mr. Black's farm, after a good hunt of one hour five minutes.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour
To-day	Kilbride	1.30
Monday, 24th	Dunboyne	1.30
Wednesday 26th	Culmullen	1.30
Saturday, 29th	Rathgate	1.30
THE MEATH.		
Monday, 24th	Kilnagros	11.0
Wednesday, 26th	Virginia Road	11.0
Friday, 28th	Moyglare Barracks	11.0
Saturday, 29th	Stackallen	11.0
THE KILDARE.		
To-day	Straffan Bridge	11.0
Wednesday, 26th	The Kennels	11.0
Thursday, 27th	Kildangan	11.0

LOUTH HOUNDS.

January, 1924—Wednesday, 2nd, Hilltown; Saturday, 5th, Loughfea; Tuesday, 8th, Winter Lodge (11.30); Saturday, 12th, Mullen's Cross; Wednesday, 16th, Listoke; Saturday, 19th, Correeghagh; Wednesday, 23rd, Ardcath (11.30); Saturday, 26th, Mooretown. At 11 o'clock.

BRAY HARRIERS.—Meet to-day at Cabinteely, 1.30.

THE BALLYMACAD HUNT BALL

Will be held at LOUGHCREW on JANUARY 7th, 1924. Mr. Manahan's Band (personally conducted). Mills's Catering. Tickets from Captain Naper Loughcrew, Oldcastle, £1 1/- to December 29th, after that £1 10/-.—(Advt.)

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COURSING.

KILSHEELAN MEETING.

Judge—Mr. Davin. Slipper—R. J. Redmond.

THE DRAW

CASTLEYARD STAKES—For eight puppies. Winner, £14; second, £6.

Mr. L. McGrath's McAvoy agst. Mr. Cadwell's Castle Lad.
Mr. M. J. O'Carroll's Childers' Field agst. Miss K. O'Reilly's Hard Battle.
Mrs. Mockler's Meteoric agst. Mr P. Fitzgerald's Fairy Guide.
Mr. E. Ryan's Ruby Girl agst. Miss M. Duggan's Delahunty's Band.

BALLYGLASHEEN STAKES — For eight maiden puppies. Winner, £14; second, £6.

Mr. S. Keating's Killinan agst. Mr. L. McGrath's Mearthur.
Mr. T. O'Connor's Prince Thello agst. Mr. J. Keating's Bengurragh.
Mr. M. O'Gorman's Marching Tune agst. Mr. Ryan's Plucky Hawker.
Mr. P. Cantwell's Keep Steady agst. Miss K. O'Reilly's Queen Beauty.

SUIR STAKES—For four all-ages. Winner, £12.

Mr. M. O'Gorman's Ormonde Lodge agst. Mr. E. Prendergast's Madramunthir.
Mr. J. O'Keeffe's Moyle Ranger agst. Mr. P. Ryan's Lalor's Lass.

ANNER STAKES—For sixteen two-course maidens. Winner, £20; two dogs, £2 each.

Mr. C. Purcell's Caherclough agst. Mr. W. Stapleton's Out for Dough.
Mr. P. Treacy's Hard Fight agst. Mr. W. McGrath's Jolly Mac.
Mr. J. Conway's Cheerful Spinner agst. Mr. Magner's Sean Riabac.
Mr. McEnny's Sir William agst. Mr. E. L. Shanaghan's The Hoota.
Mr. M. Callanan's Colleen Rhu agst. J. Barlow's Fawn Leg.
Mr. J. Bailey's Nailer's Pet agst. J. Walsh's Tommy's Pet.
Mr. P. Cantwell's Lady-in-Waiting agst. Mr. E. Power's Lady Melba.
Mr. G. Nugent's Belle of Greenane agst. Mr. J. Hawe's Helen's Pride.

WORKMEN'S STAKES — For four two-course maidens. Winner, £5; second, £2.

Mr. J. Harney's You Sir agst. Mr. J. Ryan's Heywood Boy.
Mr. J. Dunne's Dan the Brave agst. Mr. J. Ryan's Look Sharp III.

First brace in slips at 12 o'clock on Wednesday.

CAHERDAVIN MEETING.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. Meehan.

The following is the draw for the Caherdavin Meeting, to be held on Thursday, 27th December:—

CAHERDAVIN STAKES.

Mr. M. Magner's Flying Bertie agst. Mr. J. Frost's Surefoot.
Mr. James O'Mara's Jim's Pride agst. Mr. W. Ryan's Tommie's Fancy.
Mr. J. Lawlor's Kilhawinna Lass agst. Miss Looney's Loranthus.
Mr. S. M'Namara's Gaelic Lass II. agst. Dr. O'Connell's Westward Bound.
Mr. J. Barry's Biddy Early agst. Mr. J. Sexton's Saving Light.
Mr. Wm. Prendergast's Muz agst. Mrs. M. Brook's The Pride.
Mr. Brown's Clare Colleen III. agst. Mr. J. J. Foley's Nux Nomica.
Mr. M. Brouder's Belswagger agst. Mr. W. Prendergast's Mahomet.

COONAGH STAKES.

Mr. W. Prendergast's Murphy's Double agst. Mr. M. Kennedy's Caherdavin Lass.
Mr. M. J. O'Leary's Odd Legend agst. Mr. S. G. Matthew's Mozart.
Mr. W. Dennehy's Political Chief agst. Mr. J. Hennessy's Garrymore XIV.
Mr. P. J. Hogan's Heavy Blankets agst. Mr. M. Nash's King Karl.
Mr. T. O'Dea's Ryanite agst. Mr. Sullivan's Convict 523.
Mr. J. White's Rathmore Lass agst. Mr. W. Ryan's Sunny Bill.

COOLRAIN STAKES.

Mr. M. O'Leary's Onward Ally agst. Mr. M. Murnane's Matinee.
Mr. E. Hanrahan's Over the Hill VI. agst. Mr. J. White's Windscreen.
Mr. P. E. Barry's Mulus agst. Mr. S. G. Matthew's Minikin.
Mr. S. G. Matthew's Marching agst. Mr. J. Hartigan's Legality.
Mr. R. Birrane's Birawnac agst. Mr. M. Sheehan's Roxboro' Lass.
Mr. T. Ryan's Ballamona II. agst. Mr. M. Kelly's Royal Killer.
Mr. J. M. O'Leary's Overlap agst. Mr. Young's Idle Hawk.
Mr. J. O'Mara's Corroga agst. Mr. M. Murnane's Lady Adelaide.

GOLF.

HAVERS'S FIRST GAME IN AMERICA.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION FOREIGN TELEGRAM.)

NEW YORK, Friday.

Arthur Havers, the British Open Champion, who is making a tour with James Ockenden extending over four months, played his first practice round over the Westchester Biltmore course here yesterday afternoon. Havers and Ockenden played nine holes against Cuthbert Butchart (professional) and Mr. Punderford, of the local club. No score was kept owing to the fact that winter greens were used, but Havers created a great impression. He had a splendid drive measuring 280 yards to the first hole, and was pin high just off the green.

LUCAN.—St. Stephen's Day—18 holes strokes competition for prize presented by Mr. T. Cregan. Draws every hour from 11 o'clock.

MILLTOWN.—Christmas Day—The club closes at 4 o'clock. St. Stephen's Day—Foursome v. bogey.

THE ISLAND.—Monthly medal competition, played on Wednesday:—Class I.—Mrs. Fitzgibbon, 4 down; Mrs. J. F. Jameson, 5 down. Class II.—Miss N. Nowell, 4 down.

DELGANY.—The club-house will be closed on Christmas Day.

HOWTH.—St. Stephen's Day—Two-ball foursome, 18 holes, stroke. Draws for opponents off 9.30 and 10.45 trains.

PORTMARNOCK.—St. Stephen's Day—Stroke (18 holes). Trains from Amiens street 9.30, 10.45, 1.0.

ATHLONE.—Skipton Cup, St. Stephen's Day. Draws at 10.30 a.m.

IRISH HORSES FOR GERMANY.

The *Irish Field* of to-day says:—The demand for Irish-bred bloodstock has never been so strong as it is now, and, as we have already announced, English, French, Swedish, and Indian sportsmen have been steady buyers for some weeks. Fresh interest has been created by orders sent for execution by Poles, Germans, and Americans. The Germans have entrusted their commission to the Irish Bloodstock Agency, and as regards the interest of the Americans a leading breeder who was at the Newmarket sales last week has told us that they were unable to secure more than about 25 per cent. of their requirements, and that it is likely they will now seek to fill the balance of their orders by purchases in this country.

The first portion of the German consignment consists of seven lots of brood mares, yearlings and foals, and in the course of a couple of months the second shipment of a larger number of animals will be made. We give particulars of the lots shipped this week to Germany, viz.:—Bay yearling filly by Cyllene out of Lady Desmond by Desmond; Graphic, brood mare (5 yrs.), by Machakos out of Marsh Mint by Minting, in foal to Argosy; bay yearling filly by Happy Warrior out of Graystown Lass by Hillieros; Symington's Pride, brood mare (14 yrs.), by Symington out of Renée by Fortunio, in foal to Captivation; colt foal by Captivation out of Symington's Pride; Moorish Maid, brood mare (6 yrs.), by Othello out of Soldier's Daughter by General Symons, in foal to Argosy; and bay yearling filly by Lord Archer (Spearmint—Baroness La Flèche) out of Tusing Lass.

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HOCKEY.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY (3) v. ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY (1).

What promised to be a really good match yesterday was ruined by the condition of the College Park. In consequence of the thaw the ground was very soft on top, and cut up badly almost at once, while the sticky nature of the mud made it practically impossible to get any pace or direction on the ball. In consequence play was mainly a scramble, and finished movements were few and far between.

Both teams lasted out what must have been a very tiring game wonderfully well, and the 3-1 score on which Dublin won very fairly represents the run of the play. The opening exchanges favoured the home side, but, faced by a steady defence, nothing resulted. Aberdeen replied, and, pressing home a strong attack, Stalker opened the scoring at the end of five minutes' play. Then for some time Dublin pressed, but playing into the Nassau street goal, which was much the worse of the two, they were quite unable to get through. Now and again the forwards did manage a shot, but J. H. S. Peterkin kept a wonderful goal, and it was midway through the half when Aykroyd got past him, to equalise. Play ran evenly to the interval, which was reached without further scoring.

At the start of the second half Dublin attacked strongly, and Peterkin was responsible for some good saves. Aberdeen attacked in turn, but they were now playing into the worse goal, and nothing resulted. Dublin had a series of dashes along the wings, and finally Aykroyd, receiving from Eyre, added the second. Dublin had the better of matters to the end, but failed to beat Peterkin until coming to time. Acheson wound up a grand individual run, which started in his own 25, with a clever goal. Teams:—

Dublin University—R. A. Heatley; J. H. Tuke, C. Somerville-Large; M. D. Fox, E. J. Gahan, G. H. Spiller; J. M. Eyre, J. A. Leonard, W. R. Aykroyd, J. P. MacDonagh, and W. E. Acheson.

Aberdeen University—J. H. S. Peterkin; A. W. Duthie, J. L. Greig; J. Carrie, G. W. Mackay, S. Forrest; A. H. Fraser, R. M'Leod, A. Stalker, A. B. Garden, and R. F. Crabb.

Umpires—Messrs. J. S. Jackson and S. M'Ilveen.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The fixture list to-day is only a skeleton, but two of the matches should prove interesting. Aberdeen University are playing Three Rock Rovers at Foxrock, where an early start will be made, as the visitors are crossing back to-night. Mr. H. H. Peterson has got together a useful side to meet Kingstown G.S., and the match at Tivoli terrace should be good. Dublin University and Fairview play off a League match in the Park.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Dublin University v. Fairview C.Y.M.S., College Park, 2.30 p.m. Umpires—W. F. McDonnell and D. J. Colter.

CLUB MATCHES.

Three Rock Rovers v. Aberdeen University, Foxrock. Teams will travel by 1.15 train from Harcourt street.

Kingstown G.S. "A" v. Mr. Peterson's XI., Tivoli terrace, 2.30 p.m. Umpires—C. Bruton and F. Scales.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

Mr. Peterson's XI.—L. Ryan (Railway Union); W. Orr (Monkstown), K. Downey (Railway Union); H. H. Peterson (captain) (Palmerston), T. G. Webb (College of Science), J. Ryan (Railway Union); F. Duke (Kingstown G.S.), C. Sully (Railway Union), V. Sully (Railway Union), R. R. Glanville (College of Science), H. M. Dockrell (Palmerston).

Kingstown G.S.—C. W. Gibson; E. S. Phillips, Rev. E. J. Devlin; R. E. Felton, A. F. Cook, G. G. Jenkin; T. Staples, E. M. McCormack, A. C. L'Estrange, C. W. Cook, J. R. Marsden.

Aberdeen University—J. H. S. Peterkin, A. W. Duthie, J. L. Grey, J. Carrie, G. W. Mackay, S. Forrest, A. H. Fraser, R. McLeod, A. Stalker, A. D. Garden, R. F. Crabb.

Three Rock Rovers.—A. N. Other; C. Blair-White, J. Pilkington; H. T. Hanbury, W. Campbell, B. S. Wix; N. Medcalf, C. O'Reilly, J. Mahony, R. J. Evans, G. Boyd.

1.15 train from Harcourt street.

Old College 2nd—Miss O. Murphy, Mrs. Pilkington (capt.), Misses M. McDowell, M. Bradbury, M. Armstrong, M. Webb, R. Dobbs, M. Gray, L. Bradish, D. Pilkington, H. Hogg.

LEINSTER LADIES' HOCKEY UNION.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Monkstown v. Civil Service. Cabra, 3 o'clock.

MIDDLE LEAGUE "C."

Bray v. Optimists 2nd. Bray, 3 o'clock.

MIDDLE LEAGUE "B."

Old College 2nd v. Muckross 2nd. L.C.G., 3.15.

MIDDLE BADGES (LADIES).

Old College 2nd v. Antiquity. Milltown, 2.45.

CLUB MATCH.

Victoria 1st v. Victoria 2nd A. Temple Hill, 2.45.

MONKSTOWN H.C.

A general practice will be held to-day at 2.30 p.m. at Royal terrace, Kingstown. Members are requested to attend.

For the match against South Antrim on Wednesday next, at Royal terrace, Kingstown, at 2 o'clock, the following will represent Monkstown: A. Fenton; G. M. Orr, J. Peterson; W. Morrison, D. Rowlands, G. Darcus; E. Dormer, H. Wadsworth, R. Semmence, R. Leitch, R. Towers.

ASSOCIATION.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

FREE STATE LEAGUE.

Shelbourne v. Bohemians. Shelbourne Park.
St. James's Gate v. Midland Athletic. St. James's Park.
Pioneers v. Shamrock Rovers. The Thatch.
Athlone Town v. Jacobs. Athlone.

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

Civil Service v. St. James's Gate "B." Polo Ground, Cabra.
Bohemians "B" v. Bray Unknowns. Dalymount Park.
University College v. Shelbourne "B." Terenure.
St. Paul's v. Inchicore United. Ashtown.
Glasnevin v. Dundalk G.N. Railway. Ballymun road.
Dublin United v. Seaview. Tudor Park, Clontarf.
Queen's Park v. Richmond. Richmond Park, Inchicore.

LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

Strandvilla v. St. Barnabas. Church road.
Seaview "B" v. Y.M.C.A. Church road.

FREE STATE CUP—QUALIFYING ROUND RE-PLAY.

Tipperary Wanderers v. Barrackton United. Tipperary.

LEINSTER JUNIOR CUP—SEMI-FINALS.

Strandville v. Brideville. Vernon avenue, Clontarf.
Mullingar v. Chapelizod. Mullingar.

IRISH LEAGUE.

Distillery v. Barn.
Queen's Island v. Newry Town.
Larne v. Linfield.
Glenarm v. Ards.
Cliftonville v. Glentoran.

BILLIARDS.

FALKINER v. INMAN.

A large crowd was present yesterday when this game was resumed at Liverpool. The chief breaks were 98, 136, and 243, by Falkiner; and 100, 110, and 101 by Inman. Interval scores:—Inman (in play), 13,464; Falkiner, 13,446.

At night Falkiner drew to the front, and with items of 203, 288, and 158 took a long lead. Closing scores:—Falkiner (in play), 14,233; Inman, 13,705.

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SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S LINGFIELD MEETING

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Sportsman	Life Buoy.	Irish Cheer.	Perahara.*	Hawker.	Annam.	Broadway.
Man on the Spot	Life Buoy.	Irish Cheer.	Perahara.	Hawker.	Potheen.	Maxtoi.
Sporting Life	Petty Cury.	Governor Wood.	Perahara.	Hawker; if ab., Manby Gate.	Treble Scotch.	Beggar's End.
Man on the Spot	Life Buoy.	Governor Wood.	Noce D'Argent.	Alcazar.	Ranter.	Broadway.
Westminster Gazette	Life Buoy.	Governor Wood.	Perahara; if ab., Tarpon.	Gerald L.	Troika.	Lovely Bird.
Daily News	Life Buoy.	Irish Cheer.	Noce D'Argent.*	Ardgour.	Potheen.	Beggar's End.
Daily Chronicle	Brother Bill.	Olive Bough; if ab., Sir Eyre.	Perahara.	Ardgour.	Potheen.	Maxtoi.*
Daily Express	Life Buoy (next best).	Olive Bough; if ab., Irish Cheer.	Perahara; if ab., Battle Cruiser.	Ardgour.*	Goldsmith's Alliance; if ab., Plumado.	Maxtoi; if ab., Broadway.
Daily Mirror	Life Buoy.	Loch o' Garr.	Perahara.	Hawker.*	Goldsmith's Alliance.	Broadway.
Daily Graphic	Sea Voyage.	Sir Eyre.	Border Ranger.*	Tom Crow.	Goldsmith's Alliance.	Maxtoi.
Star	Petty Cury.	Governor Wood.	Perahara.*	Gerald L.	Troika.	Lovely Bird.
Evening News	Cumberland.	Olive Bough.	Perahara.*	Hawker.	Potheen.	Maxtoi.*
Evening Standard	Petty Cury.	Irish Cheer.	Tarpon.	Hawker.	Ranter.	Maxtoi.
Times	Poole's selected.	Olive Bough.	Perahara.	Hawker; if ab., Ardgour.	Treble Scotch.	Broadway.
Daily Mail	Life Buoy.	—	Perahara.	Ardgour.	Goldsmith's Alliance.	Maxtoi.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

GENERAL AND SATISFACTORY, PRACTICALLY ALL ROUND RALLY. FUNDS, BANKS, GUINNESS, COATS, AND MARCONIS ALL RISE. TOBACCOS WELL OVER LOWEST.

The Dublin Stock Exchange will be closed until Thursday, 27th inst., for the Christmas holidays.

There was a further cessation of selling pressure on 'Change in several directions, recently most apparent, and what is more important a gradual return of confidence, and a satisfactory rallying tendency in prices, which left its mark in quotations in more directions than one. The Funds were strong in a quiet market. Banks still had a favourable trend. Strong support was again available for Guinness Ord. Shares, which closed very good. Marconi Shares joined in the rally. Home Rails were rather on offer, and the market was poor. Midland Great Western Ord. further gave way, and Great Northern Pref. was on sale a couple of points under last marking. Dublin United Tram Pref. were in rather better demand. Dunlop Rubber Ord. were sold at 7s. 1½d. There was some inquiry for Tobacco at the overnight fall, and at the close buyers became more aggressive. Textiles were also harder in a very limited market.

The Funds were bid for at a recovery. Consols rose ½ to 55½. War Loan 5 per cent. 1/16 to 99⅞. Conversion Loan ⅛ to 76¼, and Irish Land 3 per cent ⅛ to 62, but the 2¾ per cent stock of the latter again realised 55⅞.

Banks were better. Bank Stock rose ½ to 246½, and Munster and Leinster 1/16 to 6⅛, while Nationals maintained 20, the previous day's exchanged level.

Dealing in Breweries was confined to Guinness issues. The Ord. were strongly supported, and rose ⅜ to 37⅞, after earlier dealing at 37 7/16-½, and the Pref. repeated 11⅞. Dublin Distillers Pref. were again scarce, and rose 1s. to 69s. 9d.-70s.

Marconi Ord. rose 1s. 1½d. to 40s.-41s. nominally.

As regards Home Rails, Midland Great Western fell 1 to 33, and the 4 p.c. Pref. ½ to 51⅞, while the 4 p.c. Debs. repeated 64. Great Southern and Western Pref. repeated 57½, and the Guaranteed 58. Clogher Valley Baronial repeated 5½.

Drapery Shares were steady. Arnott Ord. repeated 97s. 6d., and Pim Brothers Ord. 67s. 6d.

Among Manufacturing Shares, British-American Tobacco, which fell to 98s. overnight, recovered to 98s. 6d., and finally 99s. Imperials were also better about 67s. 6d.-67s. 9d. Brunner Mond Shares fell 1s. 6d. to 36s. Coats were a further 3d. harder at 60s. 10½d.-61s., and Courtaulds were bid up to 60s. Dublin and Wicklow Manure Pref. Shares again realised 10s.

As regards Trading, etc., Dockrell Ord. rose 6d. to 15s., and Burke Debs. repeated 7⅞, both for exceptional lots. *Irish Times* 2nd Pref. were firm at 14s. 3d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.
Transactions for cash marked "c."

Consols ....(54⅞) 55½	G.S.W. Pref.....(57½) 57½
5% War Loan..(99⅞) 99⅞	Do. Guar..........(58) 58
Conver. Loan..(75⅞) 75⅞	Clogher Valley..(5½) 5½
2¾% Land Act..(55⅞) *55⅞	Dub. Tram Pref..(9½) 9½
3% Land Act....(61⅞) 62	Arnott Ord.....(97/6) *97/6
Bk. Ireland..(246) 246½c	Pim Ord..........(67/6) 67/6
Mun. & Lein......(6⅛) 6⅛	B.A.T.....(102/6) 98/6 *9/-
National ....(20) 20	Imp. Tob...(68/-) 67/6 7/9
Dub. Dist. Pf.(69/-) 69/9 70/-	Brunner Mond.(37/6) 36/-
Guinness..(37⅞) 37 7/16 ½ ⅞	Coats....(60/9) 60/10½ 1/-
Do. Pref......(11⅞) 11⅞	Courtaulds ....(59/-) 60/-
Marconi ...(39/4½) 40/-b 41/-a	Wicklow Manure Pref. (10/-) 10/-
M.G.W. Ord.......(34) 33	Burke Deb.........(7½) *7⅞
Do. 4% Pref.....(52) 51⅞	Dockrell Ord.(14/6) *15/-
Do. 4% Deb......(64) 64	*Irish Times* 6½ (14/3) 14/3
	Dunlops .....(7/6) *7/1½

*Odd lot; b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day ...		Jan. 7
General contango day ...	Dec. 24	Jan. 8
Ticket day	Dec. 27	Jan. 9
Account day	Dec. 28	Jan. 10

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange concluded the week with a small amount of business, but prices generally were firm. War Loan dealt in at 99⅝ ¾ 11/16 13/16, Conversion Loan 76 76¼, Irish Land Stock 3 p.c. 62¼, British Cotton and Wool Dyers 8s. 3d., Coats Ord. 60s. 3d. Linen Thread Co. 5 p.c. Pref. declined ½ to 9. Bryant and May Ord. 46s., Dunlop Rubber 7s. 3d. 7s. 2¼d., White, Tomkins and Courage Ord. 23s. 3d., United Tobacco Ord. 62s. 3½d.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—55½ ... War Loan—99⅞ ... [illegible] ... Funding Loan ... Victory Bonds ... Conversion Loan—75⅞ ... India 4½ p.c. ... Australia 6 p.c. Stock ... Aerated Bread ... African and Eastern ... Agwi Petroleum ... Anglo-Dutch Rubber ... Anglo-Ecuadorian Oil ... Anglo-Persian Oil ... Armstrong ... Assoc. Cement ... Assoc. Newspapers ... Bleachers ... Barclays Bank "A" ... Brazilian Traction ... British-American Tobacco ... British Controlled Oil ... British Oil and Cake ... Brunner Mond ... B.S.A. ... Buenos Ayres Great Southern ... Buenos Ayres Western ... Buenos Ayres Pacific ... Burmah Oil ... Calico Printers ... Canadian Pacific ... Central Argentine ... Coats ... Cook (St. Pauls) Ord. ... Cory (Wm.) ... Courtaulds ... Crosses and Winkworth ... Cunard ... Daily Mail Trust Debs. ... Dunlop ... Dunlop Tire America Debs. ... Edison Swan ... Elder-Dempster ... English Sewing Cotton ... Forestal Land ... General Electric ... Great Western Rail ... Harrod's ... Highlands Rubber ... Hudson's Bay ... Imperial Tobacco ... Jute Industries ... Kassala Cotton ... Kern River Oil ... Lever ... Linggi Rubber ... Lipton ... Lister ... Lloyds Bank ... Lobitos Oil ... London Joint City Bank ... London, Midland, and Scottish ... London and North-Eastern ... Lyons ... Malayalam Rubber ... Marconi ... Maypole ... Metropolitan Rail ... Metropolitan District ... Mexican Eagle ... Mond Nickel ... Nat. Prov. Bank ... Nestle ... Niger ... Nitrate ... Pareit Def. ... Peruvian Corp. ... Phoenix Oil ... Platt Bros. ... Radio Corp. ... Rim Malacca Rubber ... Royal Dutch ... Royal Mail ... Rubber Trust ... Shell ... Selfridge ... Southern Rail. ... Trinidad Central Oil ... Turkish United ... Underground Elec. ... United Dairies ... United of Havana Rail ... United Serdang Rubber ... Urea Oil ... V.O.C. Holdings ... Vickers ... Westminster Bank ... Whiteley (Wm.)—55/6.

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LONDON STOCKS CHEERFUL.

A GENERAL RISE IN PRICES.

The Stock Markets were distinctly cheerful yesterday, a realisation of the fact that the recent fall had been overdone, bringing about a change of sentiment. There was almost a bear scramble to close up commitments before the carry-over, which began officially in the Mining Market yesterday, and which will be concluded on Monday. There was in consequence a general rise in values, which, if only of a moderate extent, gave evidence of a re-awakening of public demand. Gilt-edged securities were in front, together with Home Rails, but in few cases were the gains of great importance. Consols rose ⅛ to 55½; the 5 p.c. War Loan at 99⅞, the Funding at 87, and the Conversion at 76 each gained ⅛. India 3 p.c. at 56 and the 3½ at 65½ both rose ½. Local Loans rose ½ to 64½.

There was little activity in FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. French Loans closed unchanged. Chinese 5 p.c. of 1896 rose 1 to 93, Egyptian Unified 1 to 74, and Japan 4½ p.c. 1 to 109, Uruguay ½ to 56, Brazil 4 p.c. fell 1 to 39, and Peruvian Corp. Pref. at 25 lost ½.

HOME RAILS developed strength on conclusion of the wages agreement. Great Western rose ½ to 108. London Midland and Scottish Ord. at 104 rose 1½. London North-Eastern Def. Ord. rose ⅜ to 32½. Metropolitan rose ½ to 71½. Southern Def. Ord. and the A Stock both gained a point. Underground Electric rose ⅛ to 3.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILWAYS were quiet, but the tone was good and steady. "Canpacs" were unchanged. Among Argentines, B.A.G.S. at 79½, Pacifics at 71½, and Westerns at 70½ each gained ½. Antofagasta Ord. rose ½ to 83½. Bahia Blanca fell ½ to 78, and Argentine Great Western Ord. ½ to 71½.

OIL SHARES FIRMER.

PRICES MOVING UP.

The firmer tendency which developed in the Oil share market overnight continued in evidence yesterday. Greater confidence was displayed, and an upward movement in quotations was assisted by a certain amount of bear covering prior to the carry-over, which takes place on Monday next. Among the leaders, Shells received the bulk of attention, bear repurchases being noticeable, and while the shares left off slightly below the best, they were, nevertheless, higher on balance. Few transactions were recorded in Royal Dutch, but these shares also showed an improvement. Mexican Eagles again claimed only a small amount of attention, and after minor fluctuations closed without alterations. The announcement made after the close of the House that no interim dividend will be paid on the 8 p.c. Non-Cumulative Participating Pref. shares or on the Ord. shares of the Mexican Eagle Co. should occasion little surprise, having regard to the decline that has taken place in the company's production. Anglo-Persians were being quietly picked up, both the Ord. and Pref. issues improving, while Burmahs were a harder market. In other directions an outstanding feature was provided by Phoenix Oils, which continued to receive active attention and again moved up smartly, partly on a report that since the announcement of the removal of restrictions the price of oil had advanced 15s. per ton in Rumania, and partly in anticipation of the report, which, it is understood, will be in the hands of shareholders on Monday next. Trinidad issues remained uninteresting. The improvement in V.O.C. Holdings made further headway and the British Controlled issues strengthened. In other directions, Anglo-Americans failed to maintain the advance of the preceding day, but a recovery occurred in Lobitos and Anglo-Ecuadorians. Russians had a harder tendency. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 11.				
⅝	Agwi Petroleum	⅝	½	
3⅞	Anglo-American	3⅝	3⅝xd	
1⅛	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1 1/16	1⅛	+ 1/16
1/16	Anglo-Egyptian "B"			
22/0	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	21/4½	21/1½	+0/3
22/6	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.....	22/0	22/0	+0/3
2⅞	Do. Ord., issued 3½ p.c.	2⅝	2¾	+ 1/16
	Do. 8 p.c. Deb.	88	90	
2⅛	Apex Trinidad	2 1/16	2⅛	
1/0	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-).			
8/9	British Burmah (8/-)	7/9	8/0	
8/6	British Controlled	8/0	8/3	+0/1½
6/3	Do. Pref.	6/0	6/3	+0/1½
4⅛	Burmah	3⅞	4	+ 1/16
24/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	23/6	24/0	
1	Caltex	1/0	1/0	
13/6	Dacia Romano			
5⅛	Eagle Transport	4⅞	5 1/16	
102½	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	102	103	
103½	Do. Bearer	102	104	
4/4½	General Pet. Trinidad A.	4/0	4/6	
—	Indo Burmah	0 9	0 9	
15/3	Kern River (10/-)	14/6	15 0	+0/4½
1	Lobitos			+ ⅛
20/7½	Mexican Eagle	19/-	20/-	
20/7½	Do. Pref.	19/0	20/0	
13/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	12/9	13/3	
—	North Caucasian (10/-)..			
—	Oilfields Egypt	1/0	1/6	
2/6	Peru Syndicate	1/9	2/3	
16/3	Phoenix	16/7½	17/1½	+1/1½
2/3	Premier Oil	1/9	2/3	
—	Rumanian Consolidated	11/9	12/3	
33⅜	Royal Dutch	33⅜	33⅞	+ ⅛
/10½	Scottish American	0/9	1/0	
3⅞	Shell Transport	3¾	3⅞	+ 1/16
	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)			
2/7⅞	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	22/9	23/3	+0/1½
2/9	Spies (10/-)	2/6	2/7½	
7/3	Steaua Romana	7/0	7/6	+0/3
5/0	Tankers Pref.	4/7½	5/1½	
1	Trinidad Central			
1	Trinidad Lease			
4/10¼	United Brit Trinidad	5/7½	6/1½	
1	Ural Caspian			
4/0	Urox Oil	3/0	3/6	−0/3
1⅛	V.O.C. Holdings	1⅜	1 7/16	+ 1/16
1⅛	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.			

RUBBER SHARES QUIET, BUT STEADY.

The Rubber share market was quiet yesterday, but where prices moved they generally showed an improvement. Highlands rose 2s. to 33s. 3d., Linggi at 31s. gained 1s., Rubber Trusts rose 1s. 3d. to 25s., Tamiang put on 1s. at 26s., Telogoredjo at 36s. 3d. and United Sua Betong at 62s. 6d. both rose 1s. 3d. The price of rubber remained at 14d. per lb. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 11.			
25/0	Anglo-Dutch	24/0	+0/6
2/6	Anglo-Java	2/4¼	
21/9	Anglo-Malay	20/7½	
4/4½	Bertam Cons.	4/1½	
2/10½	Bukit Mertajam	2/8¼	+0/0½
1/7½	Bukit Sembawang		
1	Damansara	14/3	
19/0	Grand Central	19/0	
1½	Highlands	33/3	+2/0
2/9	Kamuning	2/4¼	+0/0½
4/4½	Kepong	4/4½	
1½	Kuala Lumpur	25/0	
1⅛	Labu	27/3	
1½	Linggi	31/0	+1/0
2/7½	London-Asiatic	1/8	
1½	Malacca	31/3	
24/4½	Malayalam	28/9	+0/3
2/9	Merlimau	2/7½	
1½	Moopiy Valley	19/0	
2/4½	Port Dickson	2/1½	
25/0	Rubber Trust	25/0	+1/3
1	Seafield	14/4½	
1½	Senadyan	33/0	
1½	Sialang	39/6	
19/6	Straits Rubber	18/3	−1/0
21/0	Tali Ayer	20/0	
1¾	Tandjong	31/3	
3/3	Un. Serdang	3/3¾	+0/1½
3/6	United Sua Betong	62/6	+1/3
1	Vallambrosa	11/1½	+0/4½

Anglo-Sum......48/6		N. Hummock	18/7½
Bah Lias..........23/9		P.P.K.(G'yl'n)	18/9
Batu Tiga........35/3		Pataling..........	18/4½
B.N.B.L.Trst	10/0	Pilmoor..........	12/7½
Brieh..............	1/7	Rim Malacca....	2/0
Bukit Clob	3/6	Sub.K.Johore	22/7½
Bukit Rajah.....	28/0	Sapong...........	26/3
Castlefield........	4/6	Sapumalk'de..	21/0
Cheviot	2/10½	Selangor.........	4/3
Cicely	4/3	SerdangC'nt'l	24/0
Eastern Trust	15/6	Scomber Ajoe..	1/9
Gen.Ceylon......	33/9	Sumatra Con.	18/4½
Glenbervie	25/0	Sungei Buaya..	27/6
Golden Hope	21/6	Sungei Choh...	15/7½
Java Amal.......	17/6	Sungei Kapar..	3/8½
Kapar Para......	39/9	Sungei Kr. Pf.	35/0
Kesintoo.........	10/9	Taiping..........	3/4½
Kepitigalla.......	7/6	Tebrau............	22/6
Kombok..........	2/9½	Telogoredjo ..	36/3 +1/3
Langkat Sum	28/3	Temon..........	3/9
Ledbury	28/3	Un.Temiang...	2/7½
Kanch'ber N.B.	30/0	Yam Seng......	2/0
Glenbakut	10/0		

* Ex Div. † Ex Rights. ‡ Cum div.

TEA SHARES.

Market quiet and prices irregular. Assam, £116-1; British Indian, £12⅛-1¼; Ceylon Plant, 77/-+1/-; Chargola, 47/6-2/-; Con. T. and L. Ord., £33-⅛; Dooars, 71/+6d.; Doom Dooma, 79/-+1/6; Empire, 33/6-6d.; Nedeem, 57/1+1½d. Business done—Bengal United, 25s; British Indian, 12⅛; Cachar and Dooars, 26, ½; Ceylon, 77/-; Chargola, 47/6; Consolidated, 33⅛, ½; Dooars, 70/1½, 1/-; Empire of India, 33/6, 3d.; Nedeem, 57/1½; Pref., 15/6; Jokai, 63/-, 2/6, 3d.; Nedeem, 57/1½; Assam Dooars, 25, ½, ⅛; Assam-Frontier 36, 5⅛, ⅛; Peacock and Nilambe, 3/0½; Sephinjuri Bheel, 13/1½.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Commercial Union, 18½, £18 6/6, £18 9/6, 18½, £18 9/3; London and Lancashire, 18½, 18; London Assurance, 10⅛, ⅛; Motor Union, 9⅛, 1/16; ... North British, £15 16/6, 15½, 16; Phoenix Pelican, £11 ½, 11⅛; Sun, 17⅛, 18; Western Alliance, 11/3; World Aux., 17/4½, 16/9; Yorkshire, 10, 10½.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Commercial Union, 18¼; Employers' Liability, 34/3, 4/-, 6d., 6d.; General Accident, 4⅛; London and Lancashire, 15⅛; North British and Mercantile, 15⅛, £16 1/-, 16; Northern Assurance, 14¼, ⅛, 34; Pelican, 11; Sun, 18.

COMPANY NOTICES.

THE MEXICAN EAGLE OIL COMPANY, LIMITED
COMPANIA MEXICANA DE PETROLEO, "EL AGUILA," S.A.

The London Financial Agents are instructed to announce that no Interim Dividend will be paid on the 8 per cent. Non-Cumulative Participating Preference Shares or on the Ordinary Shares of the above Company in respect of the year ending the 31st December, 1923.
The Semi-Annual Report to that date will be issued during January, 1924.
... Pall Mall street, London, S.W. 1,
21st December, 1923.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore, vary to some extent from, those given in our comments:—

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	55-55⅛+ ⅛	3½% Conv.Ln.	75⅞-76⅛+ ⅛
War Ln.5½%	99¾-99⅞	Irish Land 3%	61-62
do. 4½%	95½-97½	India 3%	55½-56½+ ½
do. 5%	99⅞-100+ ⅛	do. 3½%	65-66+ ½
do. 4% (Tax free)	100-101	do. 3½%	99½-100½
		do. 7%	114-116
Fund'g L'n.	86⅞-87⅛+ ⅛	Local Loans	64-65+ ½
Victory Bds.	90⅞-91⅛	Sudan 5½ p.c.	107-109*

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1943	92-94	Nigeria 6%	111-113*
Aust.Com.5½%	99-101	Q'sland 4,1940-50	79-81—1
do. 6%	104-106	do. 4½ 1920-25	98-99
Brit.Col. 4½ 1941	91-93*	do. 5% 1930-40	100-102
Canada 4%	87-89	S. Africa 4%Cns	88-89
do.4½1930-5	99-100*	do. 6%	103-105
Cape 3½ Cons	76-80*	S.A'str'lia4,'40-60	83-85
Ceylon 6%	105-7*	do. 5½%	100-102
Natal 3½ '34	91-93	do. 6½%	104-6
N.S.W.4½1922-7	96-98*	Victoria 4,1940-60	85-87
do. 5½1922-7	99-101*	do.5½%1922-3	100-2*
do.5½%1932-37	99-101*	W.Aust'n4%42-62	83-85
do.6½% 1930-40	105-8	do.5½%1930-40	102-104
N.Zeal'd4,'29	97-95		

AMERICAN RAILS.

M.U. Dec. 11.				
—	Atchison	102	110	
—	Baltimore	65	68	+1
—	Chesapeake	79	81*	
—	Chicago Milwaukee	13	15	
24¼	Erie	24	25	+ ⅛
—	Do. 1st Pref.	32	34	
—	New York, Ontario	17	19	
43	Southern Common	41	43	
—	Do. Pref.	75	77	
—	Southern Pacific	98	100	
—	Union Pacific	144	146	+1

BRITISH RAILS.

110¾	Great Western	107½	108½	+ ⅛
105	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord..	103⅞	104⅞	+1⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	76	79	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red Pref.	97	100	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	98	101	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923.	76	79	
86¾	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	84	85	
33⅛	Do. Def. Ord.	32⅛	32⅜	+ ⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref....	78	79	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref....	75	77	
74¾	Metropolitan	71	72	+ ⅛
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	94	97	
38	Do. District	51	55	
85	Southern Pref. Ord.	83⅛	84⅛	
40	Do. Def. Ord.	38⅛	39⅛	+1
38	Do. "A"	34⅛	35⅛	+1
12	Do. "B"	10⅛	11⅛	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	96	98	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf.1924	97	100	
3⅛	Underground Electric	2⅞	3⅛	+ ⅛
100⅛	Do. Income Bonds....	99	101	
103	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	104	106*	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

87	Antofagasta	82⅛	84⅛	+ ⅛
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	70⅛	72⅛	− ⅛
—	Bahia Blanca	77	79	− ⅛
—	Brazil Railway Common.	⅛	1⅛	
80⅛	Buenos Ayres Gt S.......	78⅛	80⅛	+ ⅛
72	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	70⅛	72⅛	+ ⅛
72	Buenos Ayres and W.....	69⅛	71⅛	+ ⅛
166	Canadian Pacific	166	168	
67	Central Argentine	65	67	
42	Central Uruguay	44	46	
—	Entre Rios	15	17	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	66	68	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	79	81*	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb..	47	49	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb..	79	81*	
70⅛	Leopoldina	19⅛	21⅛	
9⅛	Mexican Rails	8	9	
27⅛	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	24	26	
17⅛	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	15	17	
2	Mexican Nat. 1st Pref...	4	5	
2	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref..	1⅛	2⅛	
135	San Paulo Ord.	131	135	
80	United Havana	78	80	

FOREIGN BONDS.

100	Argentine, 1886	99	101	
73	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	72	74	
88⅛	Do. 4 p.c. 1909	95	98	
40⅛	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	38	40	−1
80⅛	Do. Funding, 1908......	80	82	
80⅛	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	67	69	
94	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	92	94	+1
81⅛	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	78	80*	
67	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	65	67	
95⅛	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds ..	93	91	
73⅛	Egyptian Unified	73	75	+1
25	French Loan	27⅛	24⅛	
18⅛	Do. 4 p.c.	18⅛	19⅛*	
13/3	German 3 p.c.		⅛*	
19⅛	Italian Rentes	19	21	
108⅛	Japanese 4½ p.c. 1st	108	110	+1
93	Do. 4 p.c. 1905	91	93	
90	Do. New 5 p.c., 1907.	91	93	
57	Mexican 5 p.c., 99	55	58	
67	Do. 5 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	63	68	
2⅛	Peruvian Corporation	2⅛	3	
26	Do. Pref.	24⅛	25⅛	− ⅛
93⅛	Do. Deb.	92	94	
33⅛	Portuguese 3 p.c.	32	34	
108⅛	San Paulo 8 p.c.	108	110	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	81	66	
54⅛	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	55⅛	56⅛	+ ⅛

BANKS.

—	Agricultural of Egypt ..	7⅛	7⅛	
—	Anglo-South American ..	7⅛	7⅛	− ⅛
—	Australasia	12⅛	13⅛	
—	Bank New South Wales.	38	39*	
—	Bank of New Zealand...	2⅛	2⅛	
—	Barclays "A"	7⅛	7⅛	
—	British of Foreign Trade			
—	British Overseas			
—	Canadian of Commerce..	39	41	
—	Chartered of India	10⅛	10⅛	
—	Hong Kong	124	128	
—	Lloyds			
—	Midland			
—	National Discount "B" ..			
—	National Prov. (£4 p.)...			
—	Royal Bank of Canada..	48	49*	
—	Standard South Africa ..	10⅛	10⅛	
—	Union of Australia	14⅛	14⅛	
—	Westminster Bank	17	17⅛	+ ⅛

TELEGRAPHS.

23	Anglo-American Def.	23	23⅛	
2⅛	Marconi Wireless Ord. ..	2	2⅛*	+ ⅛
1⅛	Do. Pref.	1⅛	2*	+ ⅛
—	Do. Debs.	104	106	+ ⅛
1⅛	Do. Marine			
6/3	Do. Canada	4/0	5/0	
—	Oriental Telephone	1⅛	2*	
17/9	Radio Corporation	18/1⅛	18/7⅛	
17/9	Do. Pref.	17/3	17/9	+0/1⅛

MISCELLANEOUS.

—	Aboukir Land	1⅛	1⅛	
25/0	Aerated Bread	1⅛	1⅛*	
29/0	African and East. Trade.	27/0	29/0	
20⅛	Alianza	19	21	
9/0	Allsopp £1 Shares	⅛	⅛	
70	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	66	70	
9/0	Amalgamated Cotton	8/6	9/0	+0/3
3⅛	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref.			
2⅛	Anglo-Chilian Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛	
1⅛	Argentine Northern Land			
21 0	Do. Southern Land	1	1⅛	
17/3	Armstrong (W. G.)	16/0	17/0	+0/3
20/9	Associated Cement	19/6	20/0	+0/6
17/9	Do. Pref.	17/0	18/0	
5⅛	Asso. Newspapers Def...	5⅛	6⅛	+ ⅛
	Bartholomay Pref.			
92	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	89	92	
65/0	Do. Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
1⅛	Bleachers	1⅛	1⅛	
1⅛	Borax Con. Def.			
28/3	Bovril Def.			
80⅛	Brazilian Traction			
28/10⅛	British Portland Cement			
1⅛	B.S.A.			
8/0	British Cellulose Ord.	7/7⅛	8/1⅛	−0/1⅛
20/9	British Oil and Cake	1⅛	1⅛	
12/6	B.N.B. Land			
84⅛	Brit. Col. Electric Rail...	83⅛	86⅛	
	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	89	92	
37/6	Brunner Mond	36/0	37/0	
47/0	Bryant and May	2⅛	2⅛	
6/7⅛	Bradford Dyers	2⅛	2⅛	+ ⅛
104/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	98/6	100/6	+1/0
—	British Glass	1/1⅛	1/4⅛	+0/1⅛
30/3	Calico Printers	1⅛	1⅛	+ ⅛
15/0	Cammell Laird	11/0	14/6	
16/3	Cargo Fleet	⅛	⅛	
63/3	Coats	2⅛	3⅛	
60/0	Courtaulds	2⅛	3⅛	+ ⅛
—	Court Line	30/1⅛	31/1⅛	
3/0	Crosse and Blackwell	2/3	3/3	
—	Cunard Ord.	⅛	1	
—	De La Rue Deb.	28⅛	29⅛	−1⅛
8/3	Dunlop Rubber	7/0	8/0	+0/3
108⅛	Do. Deb.	102	107	
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.....	96⅛	97⅛	−1⅛
16/3	Dorman Long	15/0	16/0	+1/0
—	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	19/0	20/0*	
—	English Electric	18/0	17/6	
49/6	English Sewing Cotton....	2⅛	2⅛	
48/6	Fine Spinners	2⅛	2⅛	+ ⅛
21/0	Forestal Land	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Furness Withy	1⅛	1⅛	
20/0	General Electric Ord.	18/6	20/0	
—	Do. Debs.	102	104	
372	Guinness	360	380*	
—	Do. Pref.	117	122*	
—	Gramophone Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
33/9	Harrods	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Hoyle Deb.	101	103*	
5⅛	Hudson's Bay Ord.	5⅛	5⅛*	
67/6	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	67/0	68/0	+1/0
18/0	John Brown	17/0	18/0	
12/0	Do. (15/- paid)	11/6	12/6	
7⅛	Lautaro Nitrate	7⅛	8	
21/0	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	20/3	21/3	−0/3
—	Lever 7 p.c. Debs.	105	107	
—	Lever 8 p.c. Debs.	94	96	
—	Lipton	1⅛	1⅛	
25/3	Lyons (J.)	4⅛	4⅛	
29/9	Lagunas Nitrate	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	1⅛	2	
17/6	Lister Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
16/0	Liverpool Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛	
35/0	London Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛*	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	20/0	20/0	
6/3	Maypole Def.	5/9	6/3	
—	Mond Nickel Pref.	3⅛	4⅛	
32	Mexican Trams	30	32	
76	Do. Bonds	68	71	
—	Do. L. and P. Bonds..	60	62	
15/0	Niger Pref.	14/6	15/6	
19/6	Nobel Ord.	19/0	20/0	
21/0	Do. Pref.	19/6	20/6	
20/0	Do. Def.	7/3	8/3	
1⅛	Parent Tyre Def.	1⅛	1⅛	
15/0	Do. Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
16/3	Pease and Partners			
—	P. and O. Def.	273	283*	
7/6	Pekin Syndicate			
20/0	Peter Walker Ord.	19/0	19/9	
22/0	Platt Bros. Ord.	20/9	21/3	+0/9
—	Royal Mail Ord.	83	86	
12/6	Rio Negro Lands	1⅛	1⅛	
27/6	Rolls Royce	26/0	27/0	
21/0	Rosario Nitrate	1⅛	1⅛	
1⅛	Salt Union	1⅛	1⅛	
1⅛	South Durham Steel	1⅛	1⅛	+1
87	San Paulo Tram Deb.	114	116*	
33/6	South African Breweries..	1⅛	1⅛	
125	Shawinigan Water Debs.	125	129	
1⅛	Santa Rita Nitrate	1⅛	2	
2⅛	Santiago Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛	
32/6	Salar del Carmen	3	3⅛	
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
17/0	Siemens			
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	5⅛	5⅛	
1⅛	Spratt's Patent	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Tilling Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Do. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
18/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	16/0	18/0	
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.			
—	United Alkali	1⅛	1⅛	+ ⅛
9/3	United Steel	9/0	9/6	+0/3
14/0	Vickers Ord.	13/9	14/6	+0/6
1⅛	Van den Berghs	1⅛	1⅛	
1⅛	Do. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Walker (John) Pref.	19/6	20/6	
17/0	Wallpaper Def.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Weardale Iron C.P.O.	1⅛	1⅛*	

* Ex div. † Ex bonus ‡ Ex rights.

TRAFFICS.

Brazil Great Southern Railway—November, decrease, milreis 27,750,500. Manchester Ship Canal—November, increase, £6,963. International Railways of Central America—November, net earnings, increase, £3,358. Egyptian Delta Light Railways—Period to December 10 (10 days), increase, £3,431. Chatham and District Light Railways—Week to December 9, decrease, £161. Delhi-Umballa Kalka Railway—Week to December 14, increase Rs.4,299. B.A. Central Railway—Week to December 16, increase, £1,320. B.A. Lacroze Tramways—Week to December 16, decrease, £396. Kalgoorlie Electric Tramways—September, net revenue, £1,008.

LONDON MINING MARKET QUIET.

PRICES STILL IMPROVING.

In view of the conditions prevailing during the period, it is not to be wondered at that movements on the account in the Mining market are nearly all in the downward direction. The carry-over, which was smaller than on the preceding occasion, was arranged without difficulty, and the general rate was again 5½ to 6½ p.c. Professionals generally were disinclined to increase commitments to any great extent over the week-end and holiday, but improvement was maintained to the close, a good many of the gains being of fairly substantial proportions. In the Rhodesian department Chartered reflected the relief generally felt that the directors' proposals are to go forward, and a little bidding for the shares lifted the price appreciably. Cam and Motor and one or two others were also better markets, but Sherwood Starr remained dull. Diamonds were inclined to harden with other things, and De Beers Deferred and Consolidated Diamonds both moved up the turn. The price of tin rallied £4 10s. to £235 2s. 6d. per ton, and a brighter tone developed in the share market. Business was very limited, but Malayan and a few Nigerians moved up. Among Coppers Rio Tinto marked a small recovery. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 21.		
1⅛	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1⅛-1⅛+ ⅛
13/0	Anglo-French........	13/0-16/0+0/6
3⅛	Brakpan	3⅛-3⅛+ ⅛
9⅛	Cent. Mining (£8)	9⅛-9⅛
3⅛	City Deep	3⅛-3⅛+ ⅛
⅛	Con. Goldfields	1⅛-1⅛
⅛	Cons. Main Reef	19/3-19/9+0/6
12/3	Cons. Selds. (10/-)	2/9-3/3+0/3
7/6	Crown Mines (10/-)	3⅛-3⅛
17/0	Durban Deep	17/0-17/6+0/3
6/9	E. Rand Mining	6/0-6/6—0/3
5/9	E. Rand Prop.	5-6/3+4½
3⅛	Geduld	3⅛-3⅛
12/0	Gov. Mining	12/6-12/9
11/0	G. M. Investment ...	10/9-11/3
6	Government Areas	6⅛-6⅛+ ⅛
9/7½	H. E. Prop.	9/6-10/0
30/0	Johan'burg Invest	30/3-30/9+0/3
8/3	Kleinfontein	8/3-8/9+0/3
17/6	Knight's	17/3-18/0+0/3
23/0	Langlaagte Estate	22/9-23/3+0/3
5⅛	Meyer & Charlton	5⅛-5⅛
1⅛	M'derfontein (10/-)	1⅛-1⅛+ ⅛
1⅛	Modder B (5/-)	1⅛-1⅛+ ⅛
2⅛	Modder Deep (5/-)	2⅛-2⅛
8/0	Modder East	7/9-8/3
1⅛	New State Areas.....	1⅛-1⅛
5⅛	Nigel	5/3-5/9
12/3	Nourse Mines	12/3-12/9+0/3
7⅛	Rand Mines (5/-)....	7⅛-7⅛
19/0	Randfontein	18/9-19/3+0/3
11/0	do. Central	11/6-12/0+0/3
1⅛	Rob'son Dp. A (1/-).	1⅛-1⅛+ ⅛
25/0	Robinson Dp. B	25/6-26/0+1/0
14/3	Rose Deep	14/6-14/6+0/3
⅛	S.A. Gold Trust	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	Springs Mines........	2⅛-2⅛+ ⅛
12/3	Sub Nigel.............	12/3-12/9
2⅛	Trans. and Del. B.	2⅛-2⅛
16/6	Trans. Con. L. (15/-)	16/0-17/0+0/3
29/6	Union Corp. (12/6)	29/3-29/9+0/3
18/9	Van Ryn	18/9-19/3+0/3
3⅛	Van Ryn Deep	3⅛-3⅛+ ⅛
18/0	Vereeniging	17/6-18/0
12/6	Village Deep	12/3-12/9
23/0	West Springs	23/0-23/6+0/3
10/6	Do. Options	9/0-9/6
⅛	Witwatersrand Deep	16/6-17/6

RUSSIAN.

⅛	Lena Gold	⅛-⅛
7/3	Russo-Asiat-Cons	7/0-7/6+0/3
2/6	Russian Mining	⅛-⅛
⅛	Siberian Props.	⅛-⅛
⅛	Spassky	⅛-⅛

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 21.		
2/9	Bechuanaland Ex.	2/6-4/0+0/3
2⅛	Cam and Motor	2⅛-2⅛+ ⅛
12/0	Chart'd B.S.A.	12/10½-13/1½+1/4½
4/6	Falcon	4/0-4/9
15/0	Gaika Gold	15/0-15/6
15/3	Globe & Phoenix (5/)	15/0-15/6
9/3	Gold F. Rho. (10/-)	8/9-9/9
2⅛	Lonely Reef	2⅛-2⅛
2⅛	Rezende	2⅛-2⅛
4/0	R. Broken Hill (5/-)	4/7½-4/10½
⅛	Selukwe	⅛-⅛
1⅛	Shamva Mines	1⅛-1⅛
2	Sherwood Starr	1⅛-2⅛
16/0	Tanganyika	15/3-16/0
25/0	Vic. Falls Ord.	25/0-26/0
20/9	do. Pref.	20/6-21/6
12/0	Wankie Col. (10/-)	⅛-1
9/3	Zambesia Explor.	9/3-9/9+0/3
—	Zambesia Min. D.	⅛-⅛

DIAMOND.

⅛	Angola Diamond...	⅛-⅛
17/0	Con. D. S. W. A.	17/3-18/3+0/6
11⅛	De Beers Def.......	11⅛-11⅛+ ⅛
11⅛	do. Pref.	11⅛-11⅛
2⅛	Jagersfontein	2⅛-3⅛
⅛	N. Vai River	⅛-⅛
7⅛	Premier Pf. (5/-)	7-7⅛

AUSTRALIAN.

1	Amal. Zinc	⅛-1⅛*
10/9	Associated	10/6-11/0
1⅛	Brit. Australian..	1⅛-1⅛
25/0	Broken Hill Prop.	1⅛-1⅛
2/0	B. Hill Sth. (New)	2-2⅛
1⅛	B. Hill, Block 10....	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Electro Zinc Pref.	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Ivanhoe	1⅛-1⅛
15/3	Lake View (10/-) ...	15/0-15/6
3⅛	North Broken Hill	3⅛-3⅛
12/3	Sulphide Ord.	1⅛-1⅛
12/6	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	12/6-14/0
2⅛	do. Pref.	2⅛-2⅛

WEST AFRICAN.

⅛	Akim	⅛-⅛
7/6	Ashanti Gold (4/-)	7/3-7/9
9/1⅛	Fanti Cons. (8/-) ..	9/0-9/6
15/9	Gold Coast Amal.	15/9-16/3
4/0	Taquah Explor.	3/9-4/3

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M.U. Dec. 21.		
14/0	Anglo-Con. (10/-) ..	14/6-15/0
3⅛	Aramayo Francke	3⅛-3⅛
2⅛	East Pool (5/-)	8/3-8/9
1⅛	Gopeng	1⅛-1⅛
17/0	Ipoh	16/9-17/9+0/3
1⅛	Kramat Pulai	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Malayan T.D.	1⅛-1⅛+ ⅛
12/9	Mongu	12/3-12/9
16/9	Naraguta	16/0-17/0
2/0	Nigerian Tin (5/-) ..	1/9-2/3
10/3	Pahang (5/-)	9/9-10/9
12⅛	Rambutan	⅛-1
1⅛	Renong	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Ropp (4/-Shares) ...	10/9-11/0+0/3
3⅛	Siamese	3⅛-3⅛
6/6	South Bukeru	5/6-6/6
1⅛	Tronoh	1⅛-1⅛

COPPER.

17/0	Arizona (5/-)	1⅛-1⅛
⅛	Mount Elliott (£5)	1⅛-1⅛
9/0	Mount Morgan	8/6-9/6
20/0	Mount Lyell	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Namaqua	1⅛-1⅛
21/0	New Guinea	1⅛-1⅛
31⅛	Rio Tinto (£5)	30⅛-30⅛+ ⅛
12/3	S. American (5/-)...	11/9-12/0

MISCELLANEOUS.

14/0	Brit. Platinum	13/3-14/3—0/3
5⅛	Burma Corp.	5/9-6/3+0/6
2/0	Chemical and Met.	2/0-2/6
4/0	Colombian Mining	3/9-4/3—0/3
—	Colombian Props	19/9-20/6
4/3	Corderoy Synd......	4/0-4/6
1⅛	Huronian Belt	1⅛-1⅛
7/3	Kesley Silver	7/1⅛-7/7⅛+1⅛
⅛	Kirkland Lake	6/6-6/9
5	Mexico Mines	4⅛-5⅛
4⅛	Minerals Separ't'n	5⅛-6
12/6	Min. Corp. of Can.	12/6-13/0+0/3
10/6	Mysore (10/-)	10/0-11/0
1/6	Nat. Min. (10/-pd.)	2/9-3/3
1/0	New Chuquitambo	⅛-1⅛
8/6	Nundydroog	8/3-8/9
11/0	Ooregum	12/6-13/0
⅛	Oroville	12/6-13/0
18/3	St. John Del Rey...	17/6-18/3
22 0	San Francisco (10/-)	21/6-23/0+1/0
8/3	Santa Gertrudis	8/3-8/9+0/6
—	S. Amer G. Areas	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Waihi Gold	1⅛-1⅛

* Ex Dividend. † Ex. Rights.

BUSINESS DONE.

Anglo-American Corp.—25/3½, *4/0½, 5/-, 3½d. Brakpan—*70/3½, 1/3, 70/11½, 70/-, 7½d., 1/3. British South Africa (Chart.)—*12/7½, 10½d., 8½d., *3d., 6d., 9d. Cam and Motor—49/4½, *7/6, 8/9, 9/0½, *4½d. Central Mining—9⅛, ⅛, 1/16. City Deep—61/9, *59/4½, *62/6, 1/10½, 9d. Consol. Diamond Mines S.W. Africa—17/9, *16/10½. Consol. Gold Fields—18/7½. Consol. Main Reef—9/4½, *8/7½, 9/6, 7½d., 3d. Consol. Mines Selection—13/10½, 8½d., 6d., 3d., 6d. Corderoy—14/6, 1½d., 4½d., 5½d. Crown Mines—58/1½, 7/9½, 8/6, 9/4½, 9/0½, 8/5½, 7/6, 9/4½. Durban Rood. Deep—16/9, 17/-, 1½d. East Rand Prop.—6/-, 5/9, 9½d., 10½d., 9½d. Eileen Alannah—5/4½, 3d. Fanti Consols—8/7½. Geduld—63/1½, 9d., 6d., *4/4½. Government Areas—6⅛, 1/16. Johannesburg Invest.—30/4½, *30/-, 1½d., 29/9, *30/-. Langlaagte—23/-, 2/6, 1/9, 3/3. Minerals Separation—82/6. Modderfontein B (5/- shares)—*28/5½, 8/-, 7/6, 10½d., 8/3, 7/9. Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)—45/-, 4/8½. Modderfontein East—8/9½. New Modderfontein—83/6, 9d., 4/4½, 3/1½. New State Areas—30/9, 2/-, 1/9, 2/6. Nourse—13/7½. Rand Mines—57/-, *6d., 8/1½, 7/6, 9½d., 2½d., 6/10½, 7/9½. Randfontein Central—11/1½, 7½d., 9d. Randfontein Estates—18/10½, 4½d., 19/1½, 18/10½. Robinson Deep A—35/9, 6/10½, 7/6. 5/9; do. B—25/-, 3d., 1½d., 6d., 7½d. Rose Deep—14/3, 2½d. Russo-Asiatic—7/3, 2½d., 4½d., 3½d., 6d., 5½d., 1½d. Selukwe Gold—9/9½, 6d., 4½d., 10½d. Springs—52/3, 1/3, 3/9, *1/3, 2/9½, 2/6, 4/-. Tanganyika—*15/3, 16/3, 1½d. Union Corporation—29/6, 7d., ½d. Van Ryn—19/1½, 19/-, 3d., 18/10½. Van Ryn Deep—67/9½, *6/3, 7/6. Village Deep—12/6, 9d., 7½d., 9d. West Springs—23/3, 1½d., 4½d., 6d., 2/7½, 3/1½, 3d.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

INDUSTRIALS CHEERFUL.

IMPROVING PRICES.

The Miscellaneous and Industrial markets closed the week with a cheerful appearance, the firmer tone in evidence on the preceding day continuing throughout yesterday. A certain amount of bear covering was in progress prior to the carry-over which takes place on Monday, and this, together with good support for the better-class shares at the attractive levels to which they had fallen, caused prices to improve in most directions. All things considered, quite a fair amount of business was passing. Textiles exhibited firmness, Courtaulds coming in for a good deal of attention, while Bradford Dyers further advanced. Stores issues held their ground, as did also Caterers and Foodstuffs. Among Breweries, Watney Combe Defd. continued in request, and registered a further recovery. Iron and Steel descriptions showed firmness, Vickers finding fresh support, and Lambert Bros. exhibiting strength. Shipping issues hardly moved. Marconis were wanted, and improved to 2⅛, while Cables hardened. Electricals kept fairly steady. Among Miscellaneous concerns, Cements came into demand and recovered, and British Portlands moved up. Banking descriptions were rather off colour, though Insurances held their ground.

B.A.T.'s and Imperial came into demand at the lower levels, and as a result the former closed 2s. higher on balance at £5, while the latter rose 1s. 6d. to 68s. 6d. A. Bakers shed 3d. to 25s. 3d. Newspapers exhibited firmness. *Daily Mirrors* put on ⅛ to 5⅛, and Associated Defd. ⅛ to the same level, while the Ord. shares of the last-named recovered to 22s. 6d. Among recent issues, Bournemouth and Poole Ord. receded to 2s. prem., and Quebec Power Debs. were wanted, and changed hands at up to 101. *Daily Mail* Trust Debs. improved to ½ discount.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

On the London Stock Exchange, the improvement manifested on Thursday in gilt-edged securities and Home Rails was more strongly in evidence yesterday, when Foreign Bonds and Rails also joined in the upward movement. Throughout the Stock markets, in fact, a much better tone was displayed, the brighter tendency being stimulated by further bear-covering transactions, in preparation for next week's carry-over, combined with a renewal of public buying. Markets generally opened much firmer than they had closed overnight, but while prices at the finish showed a considerable accession of strength, gilt-edged stocks, just before the end, exhibited a disposition to become slightly easier. Home Rails were a feature of firmness all through. The railway wages award proved a strong market fillip, and the effect was enhanced when it became known that the National Union of Railwaymen had agreed, in conference, to accept the findings of the National Wages Board. The result was a certain amount of buying by investors who had recently stood aloof.

The London financial agents of the Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd., announce that no interim dividend will be paid on the 8 per cent. Non-Cum. Participating Pref. shares, or on the Ord. shares in respect of the year ending December 31st, 1923. The announcement does not of course affect the 7 per cent. Cum.-Pref. shares, on which the dividend was duly paid on October 31st. Undoubtedly the passing of the Participating Pref. and the Ord. interim dividends is very disappointing. For the final period of the last financial year no dividend was paid on these shares, but the 8 per cent., actual, paid as interim, stood for the year. At present no figures of the company's recent working are available, and no special reasons—though they may easily exist—are assigned for the passing of these interim dividends. No doubt there will be a full explanation in the semi-annual report, which will be issued next month. The last annual report described fully the difficulties of the year 1922, but the amount of cash carried forward then was 3½ times the amount in hand at the end of the previous year. The report spoke also of considerable reductions in working costs already made, and of others which were to come. On the other hand, it explained that work on new sources could not achieve definite results until the end of the present fiscal year. The half-yearly report will be awaited with great interest.

The generally dull tone which continues to characterise the Rubber market is explained by Messrs. G. White and Co., the Mincing lane brokers, as being due to the customary dearth of business at this time of the year. The manufacturing trade, they say, is buying sparingly in order to carry as little stock as possible into the new year. This has notably been the case of late with American buyers, although reports to hand from the U.S. indicate that greater activity may be expected during the coming months. The present price of rubber is only 1/2 per lb.

The interesting announcement is made that the Remington Typewriter Company is purchasing the whole of the assets of the Yost Typewriter Company, which is being formally wound-up, and is also taking over the greater part of the Yost Company's *personnel*. Both companies are privately owned, and as far as the Remington is concerned no details of the capital, profits, etc., are available from the various books of reference. The Yost Company, which was registered in 1891, has an authorised capital of £60,000, in shares of £5, all of which has been subscribed, and £50,000 called up; 8,000 shares being fully paid, and 4,000 shares having £2 10/- paid. There are also Debentures at 5 per cent. for £11,595.

Advances in the India Bank rate have (says the *Evening Standard*) followed in rather quick succession during the past month or so. But even so, the present rise to 7 per cent. has come as a surprise, not because it was considered unlikely, but because it has eventuated earlier than had been expected. What it signifies is a big demand for money, which springs from the increasing commercial activities in the country and the higher values for several commodities, with, perhaps, the speculative movement a contributory influence. Under the new Banking Act, the functioning of the Imperial Bank is more elastic now. It may borrow against trade bills four crores of rupees with each one per cent. rise in Bank rate from 6 per cent. to 8 per cent. This was designed to relieve stringency.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN.—Market firmer, with fair inquiries in force, and rates on balance 85/- per ton dearer for cash and 80/- dearer against the close of Thursday. [illegible] ... COPPER ... LEAD ... SPELTER ... TIN PLATES unaltered.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

IRISH CIVIL SERVICE PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY.—The sixtieth annual report to the shareholders for year ended 30th November states:—The receipts from all sources for the year have been £355,885 15/5, and the total assets now stand at £274,828 14/6, including the sum of £242,773 16/6 invested in Government securities and to the credit of the Society's account at the Royal Bank. The amount advanced on mortgage during the year has been £58,740 13/1, making a total of £2,518,327 15/9 advanced since the formation of the Society. The amount now held on deposit account from members and the general public is £127,043 5/4. The Board have applied £1,505 3/- for possible depreciation in mortgage securities, and have added £1,000 to general reserve fund which now stands at £22,200. After these allocations the net profits for the year with £648 3/5 carried over from last year amount to £7,293 10/7. In June last an interim dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum was paid, and the Board now declare a dividend at the same rate per cent. per annum for the past half-year with a bonus of 2/6 per share, all free of income tax. These payments absorb £6,600, leaving a balance of £693 10/7 to be carried forward to next account. Richard Annesley Walker, LL.D., and William Ireland, Esq., J.P., who now retire by rotation, offer themselves for re-election. Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Co. and Edward R. Bate, Esq., solicitor, also offer themselves for re-election as auditors.

A. J. WHITE.—Interim dividend at the rate of 2½ p.c. per annum, less tax.

BRITISH PLATINUM AND GOLD.—Accounts for year to July 31 last show, after allowing for depreciation, a net profit of £33,385 (against £1,064 for previous year), and £18,198 was brought in, making £51,583. In view of delay in connection with No. 2 dredger, the directors do not recommend distribution of profits at present time, but on advice being received that this dredger has commenced working they consider they will be justified in declaring an interim dividend. General reserve account remains at £33,495. Dredging operations resulted in recovery of 4,074 ounces platinum and 1,077 ounces gold, average value per cubic yard dredged being 60.82d., against 25.94d. last year, and field costs per cubic yard 9.87d., against 11.91d.; respective percentages of platinum and gold recovered being 79.08 and 20.92, against 74.18 platinum and 25.82 gold. There was received from tributers during year 254.74 ounces platinum, realising £5,173. Price obtained for refined platinum averaged from £23 to £25 per ounce troy; to-day's price being £28. Prospecting work resulted in a lead being found on property adjoining the Cimarronas, to continue down stream. Of this 1,113,000 cubic yards of payable ground have been proved, with an average value of 13.2d. per cubic yard, taking platinum at £14 10/- per ounce of refined metal.

EAST INDIA DISTILLERIES AND SUGAR FACTORIES.—Dividend of 10 p.c. on Ord.

EXPLORING LAND AND MINERALS.—Interim dividend of 2½ p.c., less tax.

IMPERIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT.—Dividend of 6 p.c.

J. G. AND H. ROBERTS (MANCHESTER).—Dividend of 3½ p.c. actual, less tax, on Ord., and bonus of 2½ p.c. actual, less tax, making 10 p.c. for the year; to reserve £10,000, carried forward £26,763.

JOHN CROSSLEY AND SONS.—Dividend of 3/- per share on Ordinary, plus a bonus of 2/- per share.

KUANTAN RUBBER.—Dividend of 10 p.c., less tax.

MARCONI'S WIRELESS TELEGRAPH CO.—The following dividends will be payable on and after December 31, 1923—On the 7 p.c. Cum. Part. Pref. a final dividend for the year 1922 of 5 p.c., being 1/- per share, less tax; on the 2,750,065 Ord. Shares, numbered 1 to 500,000 and 750,001 to 3,000,065, inclusive, a final dividend for the year 1922 of 10 p.c., being 2/- per share, less tax.

MEXICAN EAGLE OIL COMPANY.—The London financial agents announce that no interim dividend will be paid on the 8 p.c. Non-Cumulative Participating Preference Shares, or on the Ord. Shares, in respect of the year ending on the 31st December, 1923.

MITCHELL'S AND BUTLER'S.—Interim dividend of 4 p.c. actual on Ord.

PUNDALOYA TEA OF CEYLON.—Interim dividend of 10 p.c. on Ord., less tax.

ST. ANNE'S WELL BREWERY.—Dividend of 10 p.c.

SWIFT AND CO.—Quarterly dividend of 2 p.c.

UNITED STRIP AND BAR MILLS, LTD.—The accounts show a loss for the year amounting to £36,280, making a total debit of £42,698, which the directors consider is not unsatisfactory, having regard to all the circumstances. Both mills have shown better results since the commencement of the current year.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Several unimportant declines occurred. Rolls-Royce offered. Napiers eased to 13/-. Austin Debentures still crumbling at 48. Tyre shares quiet. Austins, 2/6; Bluemels, 45/-; Calthorpes, 4/9; Components, 4/-; S.T.D., 5/1½; Enfields, 21/-; Humbers, 22/6; Rolls-Royce, 27/9; Rovers, 14/-; Singers, 23/9; Standards, 46/6; Swifts, 6/-; Triumphs, 29/9; Vauxhalls, 6/6; Dunlops, 7/4½; Parent Deferred, 25/6; Harper Bean, 1/1½; Calcotts, 38/9.

MANCHESTER.—Many further gains in Textiles. Bradford Dyers strong. Bleachers, 45/6-46/-; do. Pref., 21/-21/6; Dyers, 67/6-58/6; do. Pref., 19/9-20/3; Calicos, 29/9-30/-; do. Pref., 17/6-17/9; Cottons, 49/-49/6; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Spinners," 46/-47/6; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Slubbers," 8/-8/3; Coats, 61/- 61/6; Velvets, 26/6-27/6; Ship Canal, 84-85; do. Pref., 84-84.

CATTLE PRICES IN DUBLIN.

Average prices per cwt. live weight of fat cattle in Dublin Market:—

Year.	Thursday, 20th Dec. s. d.	Thursday, 13th Dec. s. d.	Thursday, 6th Dec. s. d.
1923 ..	47 6	45 9	43 0
At corresponding dates in previous years:—			
1922 ..	49 9	49 6	48 3
1919 ..	81 3	79 6	75 6
1917 ..	76 3	75 9	67 9
1915 ..	44 9	44 6	43 9

Number exposed for sale:—

	Fat Cattle.	Fat Sheep
Thursday, 20th Dec., 1923 ..	4,198	4,961
" 13th Dec., 1923 ..	7,313	7,869
" 21st Dec., 1922 ..	4,313	4,956

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

BIRKENHEAD, Friday.—Supplies 2,370 cattle and 1,999 lambs. Very slow trade for cattle to-day. Choicest bullocks and heifers, which were scarce, made around 9d. Rough cattle difficult to move. Steady demand for lambs, at 15d. to 16d. per lb., sinking offal in all cases.

GRAIN.

DUBLIN CORN EXCHANGE, Friday.—Practically a holiday tone pervading this market, and values little tested. A nominal retail business done.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES—BALTIC, Friday.—WHEAT—Cargo market steady, but quiet, a holiday tone being apparent. No. 1 Manitoba Jan.-Feb. sellers 44/3, No. 2 ditto 43/6. Australian Jan.-Feb. 44/3, and Rosafe 63½lbs. ditto 43/-. Parcels fully steady, but quiet; No. 1 Manitoba Dec. sold 44/-, Dec.-Jan. 43/7½; Australian Jan.-Feb. sellers 44/3, and trade 63lbs. less do. 41/9 per 480lbs. MAIZE—Cargoes slow, unaltered; Plate afloat 38/3, new crop May-June 34/6. Parcels steady for new crop, and Plate April-May sold 33/10½ per 480lbs. BARLEY without new features, trade being dull, but prices steady, with few offers in the market; Dan.-Bess.-Kus. Dec.-Jan. sellers 23/3 and Karachi Dec. 31/9 per 400lbs. Parcels steady, but there is really no inquiry at the moment. OATS—Market dull and prices weak; Plate f.a.q. afloat sellers 20/3, Jan.-Feb. 20/-, No. 2 Canadian Western Dec.-Jan. 24/-, No. 2 feed ditto 21/6, and Danubian afloat 20/3 per 320lbs.

MARK LANE, Friday.—Quiet conditions prevailed at the week-end market, a holiday tone being in evidence. Prices ruled steady for foodstuffs, and feeders appeared in buyers' favour. WHEAT—English quiet, and suitable milling grades quoted at 9/4 to 9/6, with inferior 8/- to 8/6 per 112lbs. f.o.r. Imported steady; No. 1 Northern Manitoba arrived quoted 47/3, afloat 47/-; No. 2 ditto 46/-, and No. 3 ditto 44/3, all ex ship, per 496lbs. FLOUR in fair demand at late rates; London standard straight run quoted 37/6. [illegible] ... MILLERS' OFFALS quietly steady. [illegible] ... BARLEY—English steady, with malting kinds ranging from 10/- to 14/6 and feeders 9/3 to 9/6 per 112lbs. f.o.r. Imported fully steady; Californian 42/- to 46/- and Chilean Chevalier 50/- to 53/- per 448lbs. landed; Persian 28/3, Danubian 30/6, and No. 4 Canadian 30/-, all ex ship, per 400lbs. MAIZE quiet and easier; Plate ex ship 38/6 landed, 39/6; Gal.-Fox. 37/9 and Bessarabian 36/9, both ex ship, all per 480lbs. OATS—English quiet at 9/- to 10/4 per 112lbs. f.o.r. as to sample. Imported dull and easier; Plate ex ship 21/3, landed 22/3; No. 2 Canadian Western ex ship 24/9, landed 25/9; No. 3 ditto ex ship 23/6, landed 24/9 and No. 2 Canadian feed landed 23/9, all per 320lbs. OATMEAL steady, but quiet; London-made flaked and rolled oats 17/6, medium and fine cut 17/-, coarse and medium pinhead 17/-, ordinary Scottish oatmeal 17/6 to 18/6, and American 15/6 to 17/- per cwt.

LIVERPOOL, Friday.—This market will be closed from one o'clock on Monday next until Thursday, December 27, for the Christmas holidays. American markets finished about as expected, and weather reports from the Argentine were variable, forward deliveries of WHEAT here showing little material change at the outset. December afterwards improved fairly on shorts covering, but other months fluctuated slightly, though weak afternoon cables had an adverse influence, and distant months showed a fair decline at the finish. C.I.F. parcels No. 1 Manitoba due sold at 43/6, arrived 43/4½, No. 3 Manitoba afloat 40/9 to 41/- to Liverpool, and No. 1 Manitoba December 43/7½, and No. 3 afloat 40/9 to Manchester. C.I.F. parcels MAIZE Galatz-Foxanian afloat sold at 37/3. Wheat on spot was in only moderate request at about late rates. Maize—Spot parcels moved moderately at 8/- to 8/1 for River Plate and yellow South African, 8/1 to 8/3 white African, and 8/- to 8/0½ per cental Galatz-Foxanian. FLOUR quietly steady and unaltered. Graded wheat futures opened unchanged to ¼d. per cental dearer, then improved fairly for December on shorts covering, but other months fluctuated fairly, the market closing easy, with December ¼d. dearer, but other months ¼d. to ½d. lower on the day. Maize options nominally unchanged to ¼d. cental lower.

DERBY, Friday.—Market quiet before Christmas, wheat selling at 42/-, and oats at 28/- to 30/-, barley from 35/- upwards, according to quality.

WAKEFIELD, Friday.—Small supplies of grain; wheat trade slow, at late rates. Barley also inactive, without change in value. Oats slightly easier. Other feeding stuffs firm.

PROVISIONS.

LONDON, Friday.—BUTTER—As previously mentioned, prices in this market were driven up too high, and a declining tendency is now observable, with but a quiet trade in force, as most buyers have already satisfied their requirements for the Christmas trade. Retail rates did not advance to the same extent as wholesale market valuations, so that consumption has been maintained at a high level, and it is generally accepted that stored stocks have been well eaten into, with the exception, perhaps, of a certain quantity of secondary and inferior descriptions; the market looks rather uninviting at the moment from a sellers' point of view, but it should be borne in mind that the severe drought experienced in Australia may cause a marked shortage in supplies a little later on. New Zealand finest salted 206/- to 208/-, good to fine 200/-, inferior 190/- to 196/-, finest unsalted 210/- to 212/-. Australian finest salted 194/- to 200/-, good to fine 186/- to 190/-, inferior 172/- to 180/-, unsalted ranges from 180/- to 204/-. Argentine finest 175/- to 180/-, good to fine 164/- to 170/-, inferior 150/- to 160/-. Danish finest 214/- to 216/-. Dutch creamery 208/- to 212/-. Siberian 150/- to 175/- per cwt. Dutch rolls 24/- to 25/-, French ditto 24/- to 25/- per dozen lbs. CHEESE—English in fair request, and supplies on offer limited; Colonial met a quiet sale, and trend of values proved favourable to the buyer. [illegible] ... BACON ... HAMS ... LARD ... EGGS ... [illegible]

LIVERPOOL, Friday.—Irish and Danish BACON remains firm, and in fair request at late rates; Canadian Wiltshires also firm and quiet, at late rates. The market for American bacon here is quiet in all departments. [illegible] ... HAMS ... LARD ... CHEESE ... BUTTER ... EGGS ... [illegible]

PATRICK KEHOE, LTD., Irish Bacon Curers and Lard Refiners. Importers of American Provisions. (Estd. 100 years).—103 FRANCIS ST., DUBLIN.—(Advt.)

REFINED LARD FUTURES—LIVERPOOL, Friday.—On Monday next there will only be one session—11.15 to 11.45 a.m.—and the striking prices for next week's settlement will be based on Monday's session. The settlement will take place on Friday. Chicago finished worse than expected, and there was less disposition shown to operate here during the early session, with the result that prices gave way 3d. per cwt. January sold 73/3, 73/6, and 73/3; May 70/9; while December was quoted 77/6 to 78/-, February 71/6 to 72/-, March 71/9 sellers. Afternoon cables were easier, and values further gave way, about 9d. per cwt. lower on the day. January sold 72/9, March 71/6, May 70/3. December quoted 77/6 to 78/-, February 71/- to 71/6 per cwt.

MANCHESTER, Friday.—BUTTER—The market for spot supplies of butter ruled firm, with Danish finest around 220/-, Finnish and Swedish 214/- to 216/-, and New Zealand 214/- to 216/-. The Danish official butter quotation came 24 kroner lower. BACON remained in quiet demand, with quotations officially unchanged. LARD in quiet request at previous prices. CHEESE—British makes slow at late rates. Canadian easier, with white quoted 110/- to 112/- and coloured 110/- to 112/- per cwt. EGGS firm; Irish quoted 28/6 to 30/-, Danish being nominal.

MANCHESTER DEAD MEAT, Friday.—Best beef small compass; special choice around 9½d. Mutton and lamb firmer. Home-killed beef—Best 8d., seconds 7½d.; mutton 1/1 to 1/2; lambs 1/2 to 1/3; ewes, 9½d. to 10½d. Chilled beef—Hindquarters 6d. to 11½d.; forequarters 3½d. to 4d. Mutton 7½d. to 11½d.; lambs 9½d. to 11½d. per lb.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE, Friday.—There is practically no change in fruit branch of market. Trade most disappointing, but last prices are nominally repeated. Enforced sales by auctions and otherwise mean heavy losses to shippers of imported apples, pears, oranges, grapes, etc. Very large market of vegetables. Quite a glut of cauliflowers, celery, white turnips, etc. Sales well supported to a point, after which the attendance of buyers commenced to thin out. Cabbage rated dear, as did also some specially well-grown lots of celery. Sprouts 3/- to 4/- per tray and 3/6 to 4/6 and 5/3 per float, etc.; celery averaged 2/6 to 4/-, and 6/-, and for special lots 7/6 to 9/- per bundle; cauliflowers 1/3 to 2/6, 3/-, and 4/- per dozen; York cabbage 18/- to 35/- and 35/-, extras 45/- to 50/- per load; Savoys 35/- to 50/- and 60/- per load; Swede turnips 1/7 to 1/9 per cwt.; parsnips 2/6 to 4/6 per bag; carrots 1/3 to 2/- and 2/6 per dozen bunches, white turnips 2d. to 5d. per bundle; beet 2d. to 4d. and 5d. per bunch; leeks 3d. to 4d., sage 6d. to 1/- and 1/6 per dozen; forced rhubarb 9/- per dozen bunches. Cut flowers very dear.

DUBLIN POTATO, Friday.—Supplies ample. Town prices remain around 8/- per cwt. for best table white quality potatoes, but some County Dublin lots of repute readily fetch 8/6, and Skerries up to 9/-; Shamrocks, 6/- to 7/- per cwt. It is assumed in some quarters that we shall see cheaper terms for potatoes after Christmas. Trade remains rather slack.

DUBLIN POULTRY AND GAME, Friday.—Not for many years have supplies of turkeys and other classes of poultry been so consistently heavy here over the rush of Christmas markets. Values all round this week showed a very slumpy disposition, and are closing irregularly and cheap in pressure to clear. A huge quantity of dead turkeys, geese, ducks, and fowl still remain to be cashed. Best Turkeys to-day averaged 1/6 to 1/9, and some special lots, 1/10 to 2/- per lb., dead. Inferior turkeys, 10d. to 1/4 per lb.; fat geese, 8d. to 10d. per lb.; fat ducks, 3/6 to 5/6 each; crammed fowl, 1/- to 1/4 per lb.; chickens, 10d. to 1/1 per lb.; old fowl, 1/3 to 2/6 each. The English Christmas trade has been mostly supplied by Continental and other foreign poultry, and consequently the demand from here affected.

DUBLIN EGG AND BUTTER, Friday.—The position here is rather peculiar in both sections of the market. [illegible]

IRISH BUTTER QUOTATION.—The Irish Dairy (Producers and Shippers) Association have fixed for the week ending Thursday next, 27th December, 1923, 210/- per cwt. for choicest salted creamery butter in boxes, free on rail, Irish ... [illegible]

CORK BUTTER, Friday.—The tone of the market continues firm and steady. Quotations: 228/- per cwt. choicest mild, 220/-; special choice [illegible] ...

DUBLIN FISH, Friday.—Moderate fish supply on market this morning, demand not strong. English arrivals. Twelve cheap lobsters featured. Quite a glut of herrings came, mostly of small size, from Kinsale on which prices went cheaply. [illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW, Friday.—Another extremely heavy market of hay came in here this morning in view of there being no market on Tuesday next. [illegible]

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Friday.—American quiet. Brazilian quotations advanced 12 points. Sea India unchanged. Egyptian moderate business. December 20.22d., January 20.30d., February 20.23d., March 20.22d., April 20.04d., May 20.04d. Sales 5,000, imports 7,300 bales. Market firm.

[illegible] ... to 22/6 per 13; others, 5/- to 7/6, 10/-, and 15/- per lot; turbot, 1/- to 22/6; brill, 6d. to 2/6 each; best soles, 23/- to 30/- and 42/6 per 9 pairs; mediums, 12/- to 17/6; slips, 5/- to 10/- per 9 pairs; best plaice, 4/- to 6/- per 4; others, 3/- to 5/- per 3; half-boxes, 20/- to 70/-; codfish, 40/- to 55/-; ray, 15/- to 17/6; herrings, 3/- to 7/6 and 5/- per box.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Friday.—SUGAR—No change was made in quotations of spot parcels of British refined, and a moderate demand existed. [illegible] ... COFFEE ... COCOA ... RICE ... SPICES ... TAPIOCA ... JUTE ... HEMP ... SHELLAC ... COPRA ... PALM KERNELS ... RUBBER ... [illegible]

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Friday.—Market continues very firm. Good demand for early wants, and prices being paid. Closed on Tuesday.

THE MONEY MARKET.

DEARER TREASURY BILLS.

DISCOUNTS STRONG.

The average rate at which the £45,000,000 Treasury bills offered for tender proved to be approximately 3½ p.c. This is considerably better from the market point of view than had been generally expected and came as a great surprise, causing a readjustment of discount quotations. Offers for bills dated Monday and Thursday to Saturday at £99 3s. 1d. received 69 p.c. Again, some 4 p.c. Treasury Bonds have been sold, bids at £94 10s. being accepted in full. Indications were still apparent of the superfluity of credit still working off. Very cheap money could not be obtained, and accommodation over the holidays at 1½ p.c. was no longer available. Night money was 2 p.c. to 1½, fixtures 2½ and up to 3½ was demanded for loans into the new year. The upward adjustment in discount rates was accelerated by a large supply of bills. Fine three months' Bank paper after business at 3⅛ to 3½ p.c. advanced to 3⅜, and the new Treasuries were 3½ to 3⅝. Short dated paper, for which there was no demand, was generally higher.

Bank Rate (Discount) changed July 5, 1923, 4%.

60 days (fine)	3⅛	3⅜%	Trade 4	4½%
3 months		3⅜%	— 4⅛	4½%
4 months		3⅜%	— 4⅛	5%
6 months		3⅜%	— 4⅛	5%
Loans to brokers day-to-day			2	1½%
for a week				2⅛%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call				2 %
Discount houses, at call				2 %
at notice				2¼%

Gold rose 1d. per ounce to 94s. 7d. Silver advanced 1/16d. per ounce for spot and 1/16d. for forward delivery to 33⅛d. and 32⅜d., respectively.

Continental currencies remained weak in the market for foreign exchange, with the rate on Paris 84.70 to 84.80. The weakness of francs is ascribed to preparations for end of the year payments. Belgian francs worsened to 96.10 to 96.20, while sterling was dull at 4.35⅞ to 4.36⅛ dollars New York. Spain, however, was in demand, and improved to 33.34 to 33.36. Rupees had a further improvement following the rise in the Indian Bank rate, being 1s. 5⅛d. to 1s. 5 3/16d., but Japan weakened to 2s. 1½d. to 2s. 1⅝d. The following are closing quotations:—

—	December 21.		December 20.		Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½d
Amsterdam	11.46¾	11.49¾	11.45¾	11.46	12.10
B. Ayres	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	47.58
Barcelona	33.33	33.34	33.41	33.43	25.22
Berlin	19 billions		19⅛ billions		20.40
Bombay	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	2/0
Brussels	96.10	96.20	96.40	96.50	25.22½
Calcutta	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	1/5⅛	2/0
Christiania	29.27	29.32	29.20	29.25	18.15
Copenhagen	24.45	24.47	24.43	24.45	18.15
Czecho-Slov	149	149⅛	149	149⅛	—
Finland	176⅛	177⅛	177	177⅛	25.22½
Greece	240	250	250	260	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/3⅛	2/4⅛	2/3⅛	2/4⅛	—
Hungary	80,000	90,000	80,000	90,000	—
Italy	100⅛	100⅛	101	101⅛	25.22½
Lisbon	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	53⅛d.
Madrid	33.34	33.36	33.41	33.44	25.22½
Mexico	26⅛d		26⅛d		24⅛d.
Montreal	4.47	4.47⅛	4.47⅛	4.48	4.86
Montevideo	42⅛	43⅛	42⅛	43⅛	51d.
New York	4.35⅞	4.36⅛	4.36⅛	4.36⅛	4.86
Paris	84.70	84.80	84.65	84.75	25.22
Poland	26,000,000		25,500,000		—
Rio de Jan.	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	16d.
Roumania	840	875	840	850	—
Shanghai	3/3⅛	3/4⅛	3/3⅛	3/4⅛	—
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4⅛
Stockholm	16.56	16.59	16.57	16.60	18.15
Switzerland	25.02	25.04	25.03	25.06	25.22
Valparaiso	40.40		40.80		18.33
Vienna	309,000	313,000	309,000	313,000	—
Yokohama	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	24.

COMPANY MEETING.

ROBERTSON, LEDLIE, FERGUSON AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of the above company was held at the Bank Buildings, Belfast, on Thursday, the 20th inst. The directors present were:—Mr. A. H. Ledlie, J.P. (presiding); Mr. James Gallaher, Mr. E. F. Brown, Mr. W. S. Cather, and a large attendance of shareholders.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the accounts, made up to the 31st July, 1923, stated, on behalf of the directors, that he regretted extremely the delay that had been in holding the meeting. It had been unavoidable owing to the slow progress experienced in obtaining a settlement, which has now been effected, with the Government as to the amount of compensation to be paid by them for the malicious destruction of the premises and stock-in-trade of the Cork house. This element also delayed a settlement with the Inland Revenue, which, he was pleased to say, resulted in the repayment of a large sum of excess profits duty, owing to losses the company had sustained from the depreciation of stocks consequent upon the slump in trade which all wholesale houses were more or less subject to in the years 1920 and 1921. Further to their difficulties, the auditors were unable to obtain access to the books at the Cork house during the strike of practically all shop assistants and clerks in the City of Cork which took place in the months of August, September, and October following the date up to which the balance sheet is made up.

The volume of business done in all the houses, taking into consideration the reduction in values and the adverse circumstances under which the branch businesses have been carried on, has been most gratifying. The company had been burdened with heavy expenses, a larger portion of which they were unable to control, and it was not desirable to increase the prices of their goods to customers to meet them. During the past year considerable economies and savings have been effected, with the result that the last year's trading profit was most satisfactory, and is evidence that the business is recovering its position, as compared with the losses sustained in the two previous years.

Turning to the balance sheet, they would notice a sum of £82,673 at the credit of what is termed the "Cork house reserve for rebuilding." This sum represents an amount payable by the British Government to them in excess of the values at which the premises and fixtures of the Cork house stood in the books. On the other hand, the Government are shown as debtors for £80,350, which sum will only be paid to them on the production of certificates that they had expended the amount in rebuilding the premises in Cork. At present the premises there are of a very temporary kind, but in the near future they will have to be reinstated, to be in keeping with what they were prior to their destruction.

The directors have every reason to believe that the value at which the premises, fixtures, and fittings stand in the balance sheet is very moderate, and that in them the company possess valuable assets.

The report and accounts submitted were adopted. The dividend on preference shares to 31st January, 1923, was declared, and a balance of £4,353 carried forward to the credit of general profit and loss.

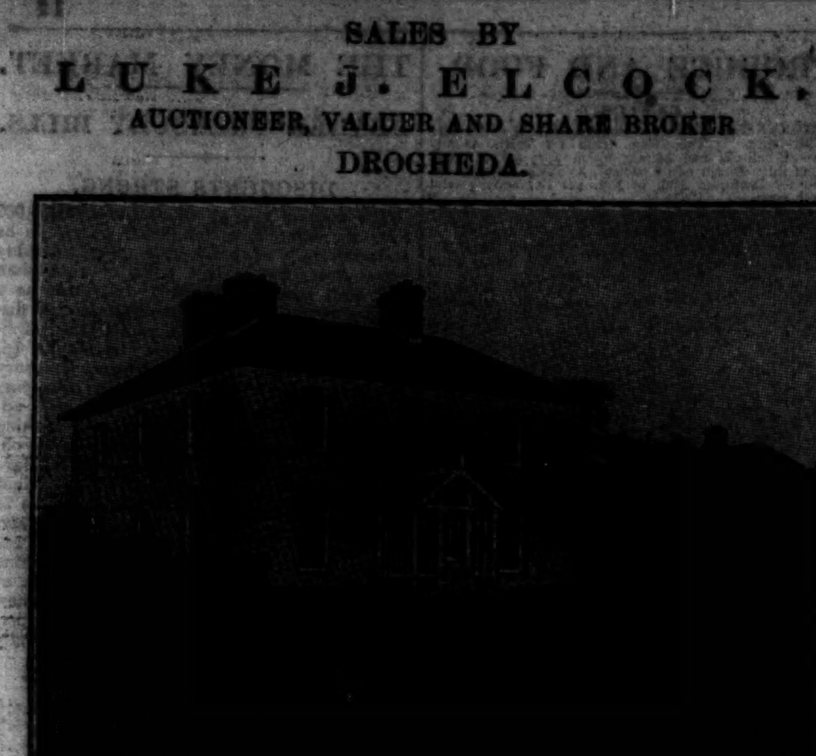
Mr. A. H. Ledlie was re-elected a director, and Messrs. Craig, Gardner, and Co. were reappointed auditors.

SALES BY

LUKE J. ELCOCK,

AUCTIONEER, VALUER AND SHARE BROKER

DROGHEDA.



COUNTY MEATH.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND ATTRACTIVE SALE OF

SUPERIOR GRAZING FARM

OF 140 ACRES OF PRIME FATTENING LAND,

WITH SPLENDID RESIDENCE AND EXTENSIVE OUT-OFFICES,

ALL NEWLY BUILT AND IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION, HELD IN FEE, FREE OF ALL RENT, at

MONKNEWTOWN, SLANE.

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED by Mr. Charles Drew to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1923, at One o'clock, at THE MART, LAURENCE STREET, DROGHEDA, ALL HIS INTEREST AND GOODWILL IN HIS MAGNIFICENT HOLDING, SITUATE AT MONKNEWTOWN, SLANE, CO. MEATH. This Superior Farm contains 140a. 0r. 16p. Statute Measure of Prime Fattening Land, nicely laid out in convenient-sized fields, well sheltered and fenced, and abundantly supplied with water. There is a splendid Residence and very superior Out-offices on the Farm, all recently built at a cost of upwards of £6,000 0s. 0d. The Residence contains Drawingroom, Diningroom, Reception Room, fine Kitchen, several Bedrooms, Pantry, Dairy, Store Room, etc. The Out-offices consist of large Stabling for Cattle and Horses, with accommodation for 60 Head of Cattle; large Barn with Corn Lofts and Harness Rooms, large Hay Barn capable of holding 200 Tons of Hay, Machinery Sheds, etc., etc., all fully equipped in up-to-date and superior style. A modern, easily worked electric light plant, complete with oil engine, dynamo, accumulators, and good fittings, etc., supplying light and power to the house and out-offices, will be sold with the farm.

This very superior Farm is situate in a lovely part of the country along the Valley of the Boyne, within 2 miles of the Village of Slane, and 4 miles of the important Railway and Shipping Port of Drogheda. The Lands are of the best feeding quality, and, being held FREE OF ALL RENT, forms one of the most attractive holdings in the County Meath.

Immediate possession will be given on completion of purchase.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to

THOMAS GERRARD and CO., Solicitors having Carriage of Sale, 25 Westmoreland street, Dublin, and 5 Laurence street, Drogheda; or to

LUKE J. ELCOCK,

AUCTIONEER AND BOROUGH APPRAISER, DROGHEDA.

COUNTY MEATH.

I HAVE received instructions from the Owner to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at 29 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN,

ON THURSDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 1924, AT ONE O'CLOCK,

THE WELL-KNOWN LANDS OF

KILBRIDE, TRIM,

Situate within three miles of Athboy and Trim Stations, and containing 210 acres, Irish Plantation Measure, held under Fee Farm Grant at the yearly rent of £315, and subject to a Tithe Rent Charge of £23 9s. 2d. a year. There is a moderate-sized Gentleman's Residence, in first-rate repair, containing diningroom, drawingroom, study, 5 bedrooms, bathroom (hot and cold water), 2 w.c.'s, servants' apartments, kitchen, pantries, etc. The House has been entirely redecorated and new drainage system installed within the last four years, and would not require a penny of outlay. It is fitted with all modern conveniences, and lighted by acetylene gas. Good slated Out-offices, 2 hay barns, nice garden and tennis ground.

The Land is of first-rate quality, well sheltered and watered, and is capable of thoroughly finishing large cattle. It is all prime, with not one acre of bad land on the lot, and is probably one of the finest farms that has been in the market for many years, and if let by the eleven months' system would realise at least £8 an acre.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to

Messrs. KENNEDY and FIGGIS, Solicitors, 65 Dawson street, Dublin; or

G. H. LENNON,

AUCTIONEER AND LIVE STOCK SALESMAN,

29 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.

COUNTY KILDARE.

RYSTON, NEWBRIDGE,

A MOST COMPACT AND COMFORTABLE RESIDENCE, in perfect order; good garden and out-offices water laid on; all standing on 5½ acres of rich grass land. Held under long lease at the yearly rent of £50.

RESIDENTIAL HOLDING.

Standing on 32½ acres Prime Grass Land, situated midway between Newbridge and the Curragh, 1¾ miles from Station. Containing 4 reception and 5 family bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (h. and c.), maids' rooms, &c. Electric lighting throughout. Water laid on. Perfect sewerage, &c. Substantial out-offices, groom's house, hay barn, garage, &c.; lawn, flower, fruit and vegetable gardens; tennis and croquet courts. The entire Premises are in perfect order, and do not require any outlay. The head rent is only £32 15s. 8d. Possession can be given.

Can be inspected by appointment only.

FIRMOUNT, SALLINS.

Good Residence, with substantial out-offices, standing on 112 acres. P.L.V.—House, £40 0s. 0d.; Land, £98 15s. 0d.; Land Commission Annuity, £49 12s. 6d.

GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE,

Standing on 80 acres, I.P.M.; held in fee-simple under Irish Land Commission (Act, 1903); annuity, £105 12s. 0d.; P.L.V., £160. The Residence and out-offices are in perfect order, and the Land in a high state of cultivation, and are situate midway between Newbridge and the Station (one hour's run to Dublin, rail or motor).

For full particulars and Order to Inspect, apply to

ROBERT J. GOFF & CO., LTD.,

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, NEWBRIDGE, CO. KILDARE

IMPORTANT FURNITURE SALE.

BULLOCK CASTLE, DALKEY,

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1924.

HAVING SOLD this historic Residence, we are further favoured with instructions TO SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises, on the above date, the Entire Antique Furniture and Effects, of which the following is a brief résumé—Carved Mahogany Case Organ, by Alexandre, Paris, 22-stops; Rosewood-case Grand Piano, by Cadby; Antique Mahogany Brass Inlaid Ormolu-mounted Square Piano, Chippendale and Antique Mahogany Tables, Antique Mahogany Sideboard, ditto Dumb Waiter, ditto Telescope Dining Table, Garde de Vin, Chairs and Armchairs en Suite, Antique Mahogany Bureau, Mahogany Pedestal Writing Table, Spinning Wheel, Grandfather Clock, Old Engravings and Water Colours, Sevres Spode and Ironstone Ornamental China; Gilt-frame Mantel Mirrors, Antique Mahogany Hall Furniture, Drawingroom Furniture, upholstered in velvet; Brass and Iron Bedsteads and Bedding, Mahogany Wardrobe, ditto Duchess Pairs, Adam's Style Enamelled Wardrobes; Axminster and Wilton Carpets, best quality Axminster Stair Carpet; Kitchen Furniture and Utensils, Table Glass and China, Sundry Items of Plated Ware, and other Effects.

On View day previous, 10 to 4 o'clock. Terms cash and 5 per cent. Fees.

BATTERSBY & CO., AUCTIONEERS,

39 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

PROGRAMME OF SALES BY

JOSEPH LOWRY & SONS,

M.I.A.A.,

Auctioneers and Land Agents,

KELLS and NAVAN.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY)—At Drewstown, Kells, 140 Acres of Grass Lands, for Major F. McVeagh, at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 28th DECEMBER—At Trimblestown, Trim, Sale of 56 Fat Hoggets and 150 Big Lambs, for Frank Barbour, Esq., at 12 o'clock.

TO BE LET BY PRIVATE TREATY.

	A.	R.	P.
Milltown, Cortown, Kells—			
Cullinfata and Horse Park	26	0	20
River Field	12	0	12
Gravelstown, Carlanstown—			
Kileen	48	0	29
Front Cornashannon	16	0	0
Grange, Carlanstown—			
Bull Field	13	0	0

100 Acres of Grass Lands at Heathstown, Athboy, for C. H. Alley, Esq.

120 Acres Grass Lands at Johnsbrook, Kells, for Colonel Tandy.

16 Acres of Grass Lands at Kilmainham, Kells, for Mr. Sam Black.

JOSEPH LOWRY & SONS,

M.I.A.A.,

Auctioneers and Land Agents,

KELLS and NAVAN.

SALE OF CABINET MAKERS' PLANT, OFFICE FURNITURE AND STORES.

A. H. BEX, LTD., RATHMINES ROAD, DUBLIN.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1924.

WE have been instructed by Messrs. A. and H. Bex, Ltd., who are removing their Workshops from Rathmines road to South King street, to OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, situate Rathmines road, at 12 noon on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1924, the PREMISES AND BUILDINGS, MACHINERY, OFFICE FURNITURE AND FITTINGS, Etc., Etc.

THE BUILDINGS comprise Dwellinghouse and Offices, at the rear of which are situate the Workshops, Sheds, and Yard, covering in all about 1 acre, with two entrances from Rathmines road. The Premises are held under Lease dated 25th March, 1917, for a term of 500 years, subject to a Ground Rent of £75. P.L. Valuation, £310.

THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, MACHINERY, etc., comprises, briefly: Planing, Boring, Moulding, Trenching and Mitreing Machines, Electric Motors, Bearings, Hangers and Shafting, Joiners' Benches, Tables, Office Furniture, Fittings, Four-ton Motor Lorry and 1912 Clement Talbot 12/9 h.p. Touring Cars, both in working order; Bogies, etc., etc., and sundry Stores.

The Premises will be offered at 12 noon, and immediately after the Machinery and Plant will be sold piecemeal.

Terms—Purchasers to pay 5 per cent.

Further particulars and Conditions of Sale from Messrs. FORTE, MORRIS, and COMPANY, Solicitors, 2 Clare street; or from the Auctioneers—

W. MONTGOMERY and SON, M.I.A.A.,

24 Suffolk street, Dublin.

COUNTY OF MEATH.

IMPORTANT LETTING OF 180 ACRES OF FATTENING LAND, IN 5 DIVISIONS, AT

TARA HALL,

On FRIDAY, 28th DECEMBER,

At 12 o'clock Noon.

All particulars from the Auctioneers.

FOR SALE PRIVATELY, Farm of Land at Commons, Duleek (Searle Estate), area 100a. 2r. 8p. Statute; annuity £43 8s. 0d.; P.L.V. £78.

Messrs. FRANKS and OULTON, Solicitors, 31 Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin.

TO LET PRIVATELY, several Divisions of Grass Land (some stocked with Aftergrass). Full particulars from

PATRICK SMITH & SON,

M.I.A.A.,

Auctioneers, Valuers, and Live Stock Salesmen,

NAVAN.

GRAZING LANDS TO LET BY AUCTION.

300 ACRES

AT RYNDVILLE, ENFIELD, CO. MEATH, On MONDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1924.

70 ACRES

AT OLD CONNAUGHT, BRAY, Co. Wicklow, On TUESDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1924.

GRAZING LANDS TO LET

BY PRIVATE TREATY.

COUNTY MEATH.

170 ACRES, in two divisions, convenient to rail and shipping, well watered, sheltered and herded, and acknowledged by experts to be some of the finest Grazing Land in the county.

COUNTY KILDARE.

46 ACRES PRIME GRAZING, AT COURTDUFF, DONADEA.

Apply:

GAVIN LOW, LTD., M.I.A.A.,

50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

STORE CATTLE SALE

NEXT AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1924.

Entries invited.

GAVIN LOW, LTD.

50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

COUNTY OF LONGFORD.

SALE OF A VALUABLE

FARM OF LAND,

WITH GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE THEREON.

I HAVE received instructions from Mrs. O'Flanagan

TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION

On the Premises,

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1924,

At the Hour of Two O'Clock,

Her Valuable Property at Toneen, containing 175 acres, 0 roods, 7 perches, Statute Measure, poor law valuation £125, subject to a yearly rent of £11 and a head rent of £2 7s. 11d. yearly, paid to Sir George Greville, and a Board of Works charge of £5 17s. yearly, also a tithe rent charge of £8 19s. 10d.

The Lands are in the highest state of cultivation, well fenced, watered and thoroughly drained. The County road intersects the Farm, giving easy access to each of the divisions.

The Dwelling House is a commodious two-storeyed slated dwelling, containing diningroom, drawingroom, pantry, kitchen, and servants' apartments on ground floor; four bedrooms, bathroom and lavatory on second floor.

The Yard contains 11 loose boxes, 4 stall stables, coachhouse, harness room, coal house, and all forms a nice square yard. Second Yard contains cattle shed for 20 cows, calf houses, and piggery, and a very large hay shed in haggard.

The Lawn and Grounds are well laid out and planted with ornamental trees and shrubs. There is also a fruit and vegetable garden.

The Property is situate on the road leading from Ballywillan to Float, both stations on the M.G.W.R., and within a mile of the latter.

For further particulars apply to

F. J. MAGAN, Esq., Solicitor, Granard; or to

WILLIAM STEPHENSON,

Auctioneer,

LONGFORD AND GRANARD.

STORE CATTLE SALES

EVERY THURSDAY.

R. & J. WILKINSON, M.I.A.A.,

40-41 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.'S SALES.

TUESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1924.

FINISHING FARM OF 53 ACRES, WITH RESIDENCE, CO. KILDARE.

SALLINS LODGE, SALLINS.

Adjoining the village of Sallins, and 1 minute's walk from Railway Station, within 3 miles of Naas.

Residence contains 10 rooms; enclosed yard; tyings for 40 cattle, 5 loose boxes, lofts, etc. Land consists of 53 acres, Statute measure, prime quality, well fenced and watered. Held in Fee simple, subject to an annuity of £66 odd from the Irish Land Commissioners. Poor Law Valuation £78 15s.

Orders to View and Conditions of Sale from

Messrs. WHITE and WHITE, Solicitors, 13 Upper Ormond quay.

SALE TUESDAY, 22ND JANUARY.

EXECUTORS' SALE.

£137 11s. 0d. PER ANNUM, FOR EVER,

Arising out of 36a. 3r. 34p. of ground, situate at Windy Arbour, Dundrum, Co. Dublin, with two Detached Dwellinghouses thereon. The rent is reserved in Fee-farm Grant, and is perfectly secured; the tenant in occupation paid £6,600 for the lands, subject to the rent for sale.

Messrs. W. R. MEREDITH and SON, Solicitors, 32 Molesworth street.

SALE TUESDAY, 22ND JANUARY.

ELM GREEN, CASTLEKNOCK.

First-class Residence, standing on about 65 acres of first-class Grass Lands, approached through two lodge entrances, situated close to the Ashtown Gate of the Phœnix Park. Held for ever.

Immediate possession to purchaser.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM LORD HOLMPATRICK

TO SELL BY AUCTION ON

TUESDAY, 22ND JANUARY, AT 2 O'CLOCK SHARP,

IN THEIR ESTATE SALEROOMS, 110 GRAFTON STREET

(IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DISPOSED OF),

The exceptionally desirable and choicely situated Residence and Lands known as Elm Green, Castleknock, held under two Fee-farm Grants, one at £75 17s. 9d. and one at £12 12s. 0d.

The Lands lie between Ashtown road and Dunsink road, and have lodge entrance from both roads. They are first quality grass lands, well fenced and watered.

The Residence is a handsome ivy-covered building, in good order, occupying an elevated position, and enjoying extensive and charming views. It contains square lounge hall, diningroom, 27ft. x 20ft.; drawingroom, 30ft. x 24ft.; study, 7 family bedrooms, 2 dressingrooms, 2 bathrooms, with hot and cold water; 5 servants' rooms, butler's pantry, servants' hall, kitchen, etc. There are two sets of Offices, domestic and farming, with ample accommodation. The water supply is from a tank on the roof of the building, filled by a powerful force pump. Acetylene gas has been laid on.

The Residence leaves little to be desired in position, construction, or surroundings.

For full particulars, Orders to View and Conditions of Sale apply

Messrs T. T. MECREDY and SON, Solicitors having Carriage of Sale, 91 Merrion square.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.,

AUCTIONEERS, 110 GRAFTON STREET.

SALE THIS DAY.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION,

TO-DAY (SATURDAY), AT ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

HIGH-CLASS MODERN FURNITURE,

PIANOFORTES, CARPETS; 2¾ H.P. JAP. EXCELSIOR MOTOR BICYCLE, 1920 MODEL; BAGATELLE TABLE AND ACCESSORIES, IN FINE CONDITION; "CHUBB" FIREPROOF SAFE, NEARLY NEW.

Comprising—Three Superior Upright Grand Pianofortes, by eminent makers; Semi-Grand Pianoforte, by Collard and Collard; French Gilt Display Cabinet, Mahogany Ebonised China Cabinet, three Seven-piece Drawingroom Suites, in silk tapestry and velvet coverings; a noble 7ft. Burr Walnut and Satinwood Bedroom Suite of six pieces, with Double Bedstead to match; high-class Carved Oak Sideboard, with mirror back; several other superior carved Mahogany, Walnut and Oak Enriched and Pedestal Sideboards, with and without mirror backs; six Mahogany, Walnut and Oak Screw Expanding Dining Tables, on pillar and claw; handsome Rosewood, Inlaid Mahogany, Walnut, and Gilt-framed Overmantel Glasses; Hall Stands and Chairs, Brass Fender Sets, Curbs, Coal Cabinets, Bedroom, Drawingroom and Diningroom Furnishings, in variety; Mahogany Duchess Pairs, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Wash Stands, Presses, Bedsteads, in All-Brass, Black and Brass, Mahogany, Walnut and Oak, with woven wire, spr. g and hair mattresses, bedding, etc.; Oak Roll-top Desk, Kitchen Furniture, Mangles, Presses, Chairs, Tables, Dressers, Pots, Pans, Saucepans, Pictures, Paintings, Engravings, China, Plated Ware; Well Pump, in working order; Gramophones, Sewing Machines, Typewriters, and Effects.

Auction commences 1 p.m. prompt. Purchasers pay 5 per cent. Fees. Pianos, Motor Bicycle and Superior Furniture Sold at 3 p.m.

JAMES HILL & SON, M.I.A.A.,

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, 9 AND 10 BACHELOR'S WALK.

GRAZING LETTINGS BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

TALLAGHT AERODROME,

CO. DUBLIN.

JOHN P. CUFFE, LTD., have received instructions from the Lands Officer, to LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 22nd DECEMBER, 1923, at 2 o'clock, 25 Acres of Grazing Land adjoining the Aerodrome.

BOLTOWN, KELLS,

CO. MEATH.

LETTING OF 240 ACRES PRIME GRAZING LAND, in divisions,

On FRIDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1923,

At 2 o'clock.

For John Gallagher, Esq.

GRAZING LETTINGS BY PRIVATE TREATY.

60 Acres at Finglas; 60, 23, 26 at Ballymun; 32 at Balheary, Swords; 14 at Kilcock; 40 at St. Margaret's; 30 at Swords; 30 at Whitestown; 16 at Wyanstown; 22 at Saucerstown, Swords; 110 at Clondalkin; 10 Acres for Farking, situated half-mile from Cattle Market, to be Let for Sheep only.

JOHN P. CUFFE, LTD.

CATTLE PARKS TO LET,

CONVENIENT TO THE MARKET.

JOHN P. CUFFE, LTD., have been instructed by the Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Cabra, to LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Lands, on WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1924, at 3 o'clock, 30 ACRES CATTLE PARKS, which adjoin the Cabra road, and five minutes' walk from the Cattle Market, in divisions, as follow—

	A.	R.	P.
No. 30 NINE-ACRE FIELD	9	1	0
No. 42 WHEATFIELD	4	3	36
No. 41 JOE'S FIELD	7	1	36
No. 49 FIVE-ACRE FIELD	4	3	30
No. 50 BULL FIELD	3	0	20

JOHN P. CUFFE, LTD.

KILSALLAGHAN, CO. DUBLIN.

SALE OF PRIME GRAZING FARM

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LOT 2.—Which adjoins Lot 1, containing 42a. 1r. 18p., subject to a terminable annuity of £44 1/6, payable to the I.L.C. There is a workman's cottage on this Lot.

LOT 3.—Containing 35a. 3r. 0p., subject to a terminable annuity of 37 8/6, payable to the Irish Land Commission.

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The Poor Law Valuation of the land is £95.

LOT 2.—All that and those part of the lands of Retaine, situate in the Barony of Lower Navan and County of Meath, containing 36 acres 1 rood and 20 perches, or thereabouts, Statute measure, held in fee-simple, subject to an annuity of £12 3/2, commencing to run on the 1st December, 1907, and payable half-yearly to the Irish Land Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, until an advance of £374 shall have been repaid.

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There is a splendid 2-storeyed house (stone built and slated) on the Holding, containing large hall, 2 reception and 5 bedrooms, kitchen, with close range, pantry, scullery, dairy, etc.; and the Out-offices comprise:—Byre to accommodate 40 cattle, hay barn, granary, coachhouse, stabling for 6 horses (stalls and loose boxes), piggery, poultry house, coal store, etc.; haggard. There is also a walled-in garden adjoining the residence. The lands which are of splendid quality, are all in grass, and are so arranged that they can be divided into five divisions, all of which have a splendid water supply. This property is very conveniently situated, being within 1 mile of Leixlip and Lucan Railway Stations (M.G.W. Co.). There is also a substantial workman's cottage, containing 5 apartments, with out-offices adjoining, on the property.

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